THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

January 21, 2020 Legislative Session Day Legislative Session Day January 21, 2020

CODE HOME RULE BILL 1-2020

INTRODUCED BY: P. Thomas Mason, President of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to amend Article III. Districts and District Maps, Section 1. Establishment of Districts, under the untitled paragraph that starts, "Within the Intense Development Area of the Critical Area", in the unnumbered list item that starts, "Conference centers ..."; Article V. District Regulations, Section 2. Resource Conservation District, Section 2.2 Permitted Principal Uses and Structures, sub-section 17.; and Article XI. Definitions, Section 2. Definitions, sub-section 46, to allow campgrounds in the Intense Development Area of the Critical Area; to add campgrounds as a permitted use in the RCD Resource Conservation District; and, to add recreational vehicles to the definition of campground.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

P. Thomas Mason, President

INTRODUCED, read first time, January 21, 2020, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled February 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Kent County Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

By Order of:

Cardus M. Dissistan Clark

PUBLIC HEARING

HAVING been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and copies having been made available to the public and the press, a public hearing was held on February 18, 2020. Reported favorably [with] [without] amendments; read a second time and ordered to be considered on March 3, 2020, a legislative session day.

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A BILL ENTITLED CHR 1-2020 CAMPGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND that the Kent County Land Use Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE III. DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT MAPS

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

Within the Intense Development Area of the Critical Area:

Intense Village Critical Area (IVCA)

Marine (M)

Industrial Critical Area (ICA)

Conference centers, resorts, retreats, campgrounds and other uses that have received growth allocation.

Commercial Critical Area parcels that have received growth allocation

ARTICLE V.
DISTRICT REGULATIONS

SECTION 2. RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SECTION 2.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

A building or land shall be used only for the following purposes:

- 1. *Agriculture* including horticultural, hydroponics or general farming, orchards, groves, or nurseries for growing or propagation of plants, trees, and shrubs.
- 17. Conference centers, resorts, retreats, CAMPGROUNDS, hotels, and motels existing and in use as of August 1, 1989, in the Resource Conservation District. It is the intent of this section to provide for the continued existence and operation as well as the expansion of conference centers, resorts, retreats, CAMPGROUNDS, hotels, and motels existing and in use as of August 1, 1989 in the Resource Conservation District. It is not the intent to permit the creation of new conference centers, resorts, retreats, CAMPGROUNDS, hotels, or motels, but rather to protect those

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enterprises that existed in the Resource Conservation District on August 1, 1989. An expansion shall require *site plan* review by the *Planning Commission* and shall require a net improvement in water quality at or leaving the site. An expansion may require growth allocation.

ARTICLE XI. DEFINITIONS

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms and words are hereby defined.

- 1. <u>Acceptable Outfall</u> The tidewater or that point as determined by the Kent County Soil and Water Conservation District where *stormwater* can be released to a channel without causing scouring, erosion, or resulting sedimentation to the receiving channel or its *floodplain*. (Where necessary, the outlet shall include structural and vegetative measures to assure non-erosive velocities.)
- 46. <u>Campground</u> Any area or *tract* of land owned by a single entity to which accommodations for temporary and not year-round occupancy are located or may be placed including cabins, tents, **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**, and campers, and which is used for recreational purposes and retains an open air or natural character.

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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Commissioners of Kent County that this Act shall take effect on the 13thay of March, 2020.
Read Third Time March 3, 2020
PASSED this rd day of March, 2020.
Failed of Passage

By order of:

Sendra M. Blackiston, Clerk

(SEAL)



THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronald H. Fithian, Member

Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

ORDERED a fair summary thereof of the entire bill shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, not less than three times at weekly intervals within a four-week period.