

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY - 2018-16

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2018

Title of Resolution: Expedited Legislation- Enterprise Zone- North East and Perryville

Synopsis: An Expedited Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone to include the North East Commons in North East and Chesapeake Overlook in Perryville.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: September 4, 2018

Public hearing scheduled on: October 2, 2018 at: 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for consideration on: October 2, 2018

By: James Massey
Council Manager

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of this Resolution having been posted on September 4, 2018 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland, and having been published on September 19, 2018 and September 26, 2018. A public hearing was held on October 2, 2018 and concluded on October 2, 2018.

By: James Massey
Council Manager

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING RESOLUTION

~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing Resolution

Underlining indicates language added to Resolution by Amendment

~~Double Strike Through~~ indicates language stricken out of Resolution by Amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Maryland’s Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program is a joint effort between the State and
2 Local governments to provide tax incentives to businesses and property-owners located in economically
3 distressed communities;

4 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Enterprise Zone was approved by the State of Maryland on June 15,
5 2013, thus providing an important economic development tool for the County and the towns of Perryville,
6 North East and Elkton;

7 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Department of Economic Development desires to have the current
8 Zone expanded to allow existing businesses in Cecil County and prospective new businesses to utilize
9 these incentives;

10 **WHEREAS**, this application will include:

- 11 1) Property known as North East Commons in the Town of North East, consisting of
12 approximately 59.861 acres, designated as Parcels 453 and 272 on Cecil County Tax Map
13 25,
- 14 2) Property know as Chesapeake Overlook in the Town of Perryville, consisting of
15 approximately 155.1835 acres, designated as parcels 732 (Lots 1 and 2) and 733 (in process
16 of being annexed) and part of Parcel 70 (west of MD Route 275 only) on Cecil County Tax
17 Map 29; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the primary benefits to businesses that are located within an Enterprise Zone are
19 eligible for local property tax credits and State income tax credits;

20 **WHEREAS**, eligible businesses in an enterprise zone may claim a ten-year credit against local real
21 property taxes on a portion of real property improvements. The credit is eighty percent (80%) of the
22 assessment increase during the first five years. The credit then decreases ten percent (10%) annually
23 thereafter to thirty percent (30%) in the tenth year;

24 **WHEREAS**, eligible businesses in an enterprise zone may claim one-year or three-year credits for
25 wages paid to new employees in new positions. The general credit is a one-time \$1,000 credit per new
26 worker. For economically disadvantaged employees, the credit increases to a total of \$6,000 per worker
27 distributed over three years. Businesses claim the enterprise zone income tax credits on the 500CR form
28 when they submit their business or individual income tax returns to the Comptroller; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Enterprise Zone is an important incentive for the County to access and encourage
30 existing businesses to expand; and attract new businesses to locate within Cecil County; and

31 **WHEREAS**, application for the subject Enterprise Zone must be filed with the State of Maryland
32 Department of Commerce on or before October 15, 2108.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
34 **MARYLAND**, that the Council is in support of this application to expand the Cecil County Enterprise Zone
35 to include properties know as North East Commons and Chesapeake Overlook; and that the proposed
36 expansion includes the entirety of Parcels 272 and 453 on Tax Map 25, and the entirety of Parcels 732
37 (Lots 1 and 2) and 733, and part of Parcel 70 on Tax Map 29; and that the expansion area is 215.0445+/-
38 acres.

39 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
40 this Resolution is hereby being considered as expedited legislation because the applications must be filed
41 with the State of Maryland Department of Commerce on or before October 15, 2018.

42 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by
43 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: September 4, 2018

ADOPTED: October 2, 2018



President of the Council

ATTEST:


Council Manager