

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-19

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2020

Title of Resolution: Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway – Zoning Regulations

Synopsis: A Resolution to request that the Planning and Zoning Division to develop zoning regulations for scenic byways; and to request the extension of the Chesapeake County Scenic Byway to begin at Long Creek on Augustine Herman Highway.

Introduced by: Council President Meffley

Introduced and ordered posted on: September 1, 2020

Public Hearing scheduled on: October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: October 20, 2020

By: James Massey
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution, having been posted by September 1, 2020, at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland, and having been published, according to the Charter on September 23, 2020 and September 30, 2020, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2020 and concluded on October 6, 2020.

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**, the United States Congress established the National Scenic Byway program in 1991
2 to preserve and protect the nation’s scenic, but often less-traveled roads, and to promote tourism and
3 economic development; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation recognizes a road as a National
5 Scenic Byway for its intrinsic qualities of archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and
6 scenic qualities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, under the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Scenic Byways
8 were established including Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway in 1998, and a national scenic byway
9 in 2002; and

10 **WHEREAS**, under the national and state scenic byway program, a corridor management
11 plan must be developed to identify the corridor boundaries, land use qualities, strategies to
12 maintain and enhance while preserving the intrinsic qualities of the corridor; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway Alliance, a partnership of Cecil, Kent and
14 Queen Anne’s Counties prepared the corridor management plan for the Chesapeake Country
15 Scenic Byway in July 2001; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway begins at the Chesapeake City bridge over
17 the C&D Canal and follows Augustine Herman Highway, MD Route 213, through Cecil County and
18 into Kent County and Queen Anne’s County, where it terminates in Stevensville MD; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway was a joint effort of the Departments of
20 Tourism and Business Development and Planning and Zoning of Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's
21 Counties; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, “Council”, received a request
23 from the Chesapeake Country Byway Alliance on February 12, 2020, to support an application to
24 expand the Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway to become an All American National
25 Road; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Council requested the Chesapeake Country Byway Alliance to designate
27 that the northern gateway of this scenic byway should begin at the intersection of the Augustine
28 Herman Highway, MD Route 213, with Long Creek; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Chesapeake City has also requested that the northern gateway of the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway be extended to the include the scenic approach to the C&D Canal Bridge at the intersection of Augustine Herman Highway, MD Route 213, with Long Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan was never officially adopted by Cecil County Government; and

WHEREAS, the Council is seeking to officially incorporate the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway and corridor management plan into the Cecil County Zoning ordinance so that adequate zoning regulations can be considered, as to ensure the intrinsic quality of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Cecil County Planning and Zoning Division of the Department of Land Use and Development Services shall develop zoning regulations for scenic byways by July 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Cecil County Government shall pursue State Scenic Byway officials to request the extension of the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway so that it can begin at the intersection of Long Creek on Augustine Herman Highway, MD Route 213, in order that the visual approach to the C&D Canal Bridge can be preserved in natural beauty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that all provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date the Resolution is adopted by the Council.

INTRODUCED: September 1, 2020

ADOPTED: October 20, 2020



President of the Council

ATTEST:


Council Manager