## RESOLUTION 2012- 14

WHEREAS, Governor O'Malley on April 18, 2011, issued an Executive Order creating the Task Force on Sustainable Growth and Wastewater Disposal, which consisted of a broad cross-section of representatives from business, agriculture, science, environmental advocacy, and government from throughout Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force was charged with recommending regulatory, statutory and other actions to address the impact of major developments served by on-site sewage disposal systems, commonly known as septic systems, and their effects on pollution, land preservation, agri-business, and smart growth; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force reported its findings in December 2011 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Substantial Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (SB236), adopted by the Maryland Legislature in 2012, embodies nearly unanimous recommendations of the Task Force on planning for growth served by on-site sewage disposal systems and where major subdivisions served by on-site sewage disposal systems and shared facilities can be located; and

WHEREAS, The SB236 requires participating local jurisdictions to adopt Growth Tier Maps indicating those areas served by public sewerage systems, those areas intended to be served by public sewerage systems, and those areas no planned for sewerage service; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the provisions of SB236, Ocean City has developed a SB236 Growth Tier Map, assigning a Growth Tier designation **One** to those lands within the municipal boundary of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SB236 Growth Tier Map for the Town of Ocean City is hereby adopted and is to become effective upon its passage.

RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 9th day of October, 2012.

Kelly Allmond, Clerk

Approved as to from:

Guy R. Ayres, III, City Solicitor

Richard W. Meehan, Mayor

James S. Hall, President

Lloyd Martin, Secretary