

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

Resolution No. 1214

Introduced by: Carole Abruzzese

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO ADOPT A GROWTH TIER MAP FOR THE TOWN OF OXFORD WHICH COMPORTS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SENATE BILL 236

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 Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (SB236), adopted by the Maryland Legislature in 2012, embodies the 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, 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 not planned for sewerage service, and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the provisions of the SB236, the Commissioners of Oxford have developed a Growth Tier Map, assigning Growth Tier designations to those lands within the municipal boundary and to those lands within the municipal growth area as shown within the Oxford comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Oxford resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Oxford Growth Tier Map dated November 13, 2012, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein is hereby adopted as the Oxford Growth Tier Map.

Section 2. In case any one or more portions of the Oxford Growth Tier Map shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceable shall not affect any other portion hereof; and the Oxford Growth Tier Map shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 13th day of November, 2012

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:



Gordon Graves, President




Peter Dunbar, Commissioner



Carol Abruzzese, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Cheryl Lewis
Clerk-Treasurer