

ORDINANCE NO. 924

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance #444 [Dog Control] and re-enact the Dog Control Ordinance for Somerset County, Maryland, in the following form:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND, PROVIDING: THAT THE SAME SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE SOMERSET COUNTY DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE; FOR DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THE BODY THEREOF; FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE; THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL APPLY THROUGHOUT SOMERSET COUNTY; FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION OF STRAY, UNWANTED, CRITICALLY WOUNDED, INJURED, DISEASED, OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS / DANGEROUS DOGS AND FEMALE DOGS IN HEAT; FOR THE KILLING, IF NECESSARY, OF DANGEROUS, WILD OR RABID DOGS WHICH CANNOT BE SEIZED AND IMPOUNDED; THE CARE, FEEDING, DURING PERIOD OF HOLDING OF IMPOUNDED DOGS; FOR THE RECEIVING OF DOGS TO BE PLACED FOR ADOPTION AND DISPOSAL; FOR THE KEEPING OF RECORDS FOR DESTROYED DOGS; FOR THE REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS AND THE FEES AND CHARGES THEREFORE; FOR THE PLACING FOR ADOPTION, OR DESTRUCTION OF UNREDEEMED DOGS; FOR PROHIBITING SALE, RELEASE OR REDEMPTION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS / DANGEROUS OR RABID DOGS OR THOSE SUFFERING INCURABLE DISEASES; FOR PROHIBITING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS / DANGEROUS DOGS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR PERMITTING SUCH; FOR DISPOSITION OF DEAD DOGS; FOR MAKING UNLAWFUL THE ABANDONMENT, INJURING, BEATING, ABUSING, AND RUNNING DOWN, WILLFULLY, WITH A VEHICLE OF ANY DOG; FOR MAKING UNLAWFUL THE WILLFUL KILLING WITHOUT REASON, OF ANY DOG; FOR THE CONFINEMENT, AT THE EXPENSES OF THE OWNER, OF DOGS THAT HAVE BITTEN PERSONS; FOR THE REQUIRING OF PHYSICIANS TO REPORT TREATMENT OF PATIENTS SUFFERING DOG BITES; FOR PROHIBITING CONCEALMENT OR FALSE DENIAL OF OWNERSHIP OF DOGS; FOR PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; FOR MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR AN OWNER TO ALLOW HIS/HER DOG TO BECOME A PUBLIC NUISANCE; FOR MAKING UNLAWFUL LIABILITY FOR SOMERSET COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND ITS EMPLOYEES; FOR MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO PROHIBIT DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE; FOR ESTABLISHING A DOG KENNEL LICENSE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR FEES, LICENSE PERIODS AND PENALTIES FOR NOT OBTAINING; FOR REQUIRING LICENSE TAGS TO BE ATTACHED TO DOGS AND DETERMINING WHEN SUCH MAY BE REMOVED AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR DISPOSITION OF LICENSE FEES AND OTHER FUNDS; FOR ESTABLISHING GENERAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; THAT IF ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE IS

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DETERMINED TO BE INVALID, SUCH WILL NOT AFFECT THE WHOLE THEREOF;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1990, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, Maryland, did enact Ordinance #444, which said Ordinance provided for the Dog Control Regulations for Somerset County, Maryland, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners for Somerset County, Maryland, have determined to repeal Ordinance #444, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ART 24, Section 11-504 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Subtitle 2-411 of The Code of Public Laws of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County have been authorized and empowered to pass rules, regulations and resolutions to establish a dog control ordinance, provide for licensing of dogs, and regulate collection and destruction of wild and/stray or dogs found running at large within the confines of Somerset County, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Somerset County deem it necessary to enact a dog control ordinance in order to safeguard the health, safety, and public welfare of residents of Somerset County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND, HEREAFTER "BOARD or COUNTY" THAT ORDINANCE #444 IS HEREBY REPEALED AND THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ENACTED:

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the Somerset County Dog Control Ordinance.

ARTICLE II – IN GENERAL

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following words when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section; unless otherwise specifically defined in other parts of this Ordinance.

1.) **OWNER** - Any person(s) owning, keeping, harboring, or acting as custodian of a dog(s). Any dog(s) owned by a minor shall be deemed to be owned, for the purpose of this ordinance by the parents or guardians with whom the minor resides.

2.) **POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS / DANGEROUS DOG** – Any dog that has demonstrated vicious tendencies as defined in subsection (A).

A. (1) Potentially dangerous dog - means a dog which has (a) inflicted a bite on a person either on public or private property; (b) has inflicted severe injury to a domestic animal when not on the dog owner's real property or (c) which has attacked without provocation.

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(2) Dangerous dog - means a dog which has killed or inflicted severe injury on a human being without provocation.

3.) **AT LARGE/STRAY DOG(S)** - Any dog upon the property of a person other than the owner or within the traveled portion of any public road and not leashed, or when used for hunting, training, or field trials and not under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's command.

4.) **DOG POUND** - Any premises so designated by the County for the purpose of impounding and caring for dogs.

5.) **DOG CONTROL OFFICER** - A person or persons employed by the County and designated to assist the Dog Control Warden.

6.) **DOG CONTROL WARDEN** - A person or persons employed by the County as the Dog Control Ordinance enforcement officer.

7.) **ABANDONMENT** - Disposal or displacement of any dog(s) in a manner not allowed by law.

8.) **PUBLIC NUISANCE** - A dog shall be deemed a "Public Nuisance" when it is (A) a danger to any person or (B) when it engages in activities which disturb the peace and quiet of any neighborhood including but not limited to: excessive barking, whining, howling or chasing of vehicles, attacking other domestic animals or damaging of property.

9.) **CARE OF DOG - DOGS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH:**

- a) Wholesome, nutritious food and water in sufficient quantities to maintain condition of animals in good health;
- b) Proper ventilation/air;
- c) Adequately-sized housing, shade and protection from all weather and other hazardous conditions;
- d) Veterinary care when needed to prevent disease or suffering;
- e) **Removal** of excretions and other waste materials, dirt, trash in order to provide humanely clean conditions and to minimize health hazards and obnoxious odors;
- f) Overall humane care and treatment.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION OF ORDINANCE.

The County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to administer this Ordinance and such powers as have been granted them, may be delegated to a dog control warden or dog control officers as the case may be, who shall have powers of a peace officer, or may be delegated by contract, pursuant to Art. 24 Section 1-504 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Subtitle 2-411 of The Code of Public Laws of Somerset County, Maryland (2003).

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY OF ORDINANCE.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply throughout the County.

SECTION 4. IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION GENERALLY - DUTY OF DOG CONTROL WARDEN.

The Dog Control Warden, or such other officer as the County Commissioners may designate shall, whenever possible, seize and impound any stray and unwanted dog found at large, any diseased or **potentially dangerous/dangerous** dog, and any female dog in heat found

at large. The Dog Control Warden, after a reasonable effort to locate the owner, may seize and impound potentially dangerous/dangerous, wild or rabid dogs and may kill such dogs in a humane manner.

SECTION 5. IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION GENERALLY – CARE FOR IMPOUNDED DOGS.

Every dog so seized and impounded shall be cared for and fed at the expense of the County at the dog pound until disposition is made thereof.

SECTION 6. DOGS TO BE HELD FOR FIVE DAYS: EXCEPTIONS

Immediately upon impounding dogs, the Dog Control Warden shall make a prompt reasonable effort to notify the owner of such dog(s) and inform him or her of the conditions whereby he/she may regain custody. All dogs seized or received at the dog pound shall be held for at least five days from the time of receipt. However, dogs surrendered to the dog pound by the owners thereof for disposal or adoption may be disposed of or sold for adoption pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance at any time after the expiration of forty-eight hours from the time of receipt. Dogs received at the dog pound in a critical condition from wounds, injuries or disease may be destroyed immediately by the custodian of the dog pound or under the direction of a Veterinarian.

SECTION 7. MOTHER DOGS AND PUPPIES

When a mother dog and her puppies are turned in at the dog pound, there will be no charge. When the puppies are turned in without the mother dog, there will be a charge per puppy established by Resolution. If the owner wants to keep the mother dog a fee established by Resolution will be charged at the time the puppies are relinquished. If the owner wishes to avoid the fee, the owner will have thirty (30) days to have said mother dog spayed, and then upon verification that the mother dog has been spayed, owner will be refunded full amount previously paid.

SECTION 8. RECORDS TO BE KEPT

The Dog Control Warden shall maintain a complete record of all dogs destroyed with an explanation of the circumstances necessitating such destruction.

SECTION 9. CONSENT OF OWNER REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION

No dog shall be made available for adoption if its owner requests that it be destroyed. Such animals may be mercifully destroyed, unless the Dog Control Warden feels the dog should be held for observation.

SECTION 10. REDEMPTION: FEES

The owner of any dog seized pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may redeem it from the dog pound within 5 days from the time of receipt, subject to the following: (a) establishing his ownership to the satisfaction of the Dog Control Warden; (b) securing a current

license tag for the dog if the owner is a resident of the County; (c) paying the redemption charge established by Resolution except when a higher redemption fee is expressly provided in this Ordinance; (d) by paying the maintenance of such dog at a rate established by Resolution (e) by having the dog vaccinated for rabies if it has not been vaccinated; (f) if a licensed dog is impounded the owner may redeem it by paying a redemption fee established by Resolution and by paying the maintenance as above provided; (g) if a licensed, or **unlicensed** dog has been caught for a second time in a one year period, redemption fee will be doubled; (h) there will be no return of a licensed or **unlicensed** dog after third offense in one year.

SECTION 11. ADOPTION OF UNREDEEMED DOGS

If any dog impounded under this Ordinance is not redeemed by its owner within 5 days, it may be made available for adoption as a pet by the Dog Control Warden for a reasonable period of time not to exceed 5 additional days. Adoption shall be conditioned upon payment of an adoption fee established by Resolution for dogs 4 months and under. For dogs over 4 months of age, the same said adoption fee applies plus additional fees established by Resolution for rabies vaccination and County license. If, for any reason, such dog is returned to the pound, the adoption fee is not refundable.

SECTION 12. DISPOSITION OF DOGS NOT ADOPTED

If any dog impounded under this Ordinance is not adopted within 10 days of being impounded, it shall be the duty of the Dog Control Warden to dispose of said animal in a humane manner.

SECTION 13. DOGS WITH RABIES, POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS OR DOGS WITH INCURABLE DISEASES NOT TO BE SOLD OR RELEASED; QUARANTINE

A.) No dog that the Dog Control Warden has reason to believe has rabies or any incurable disease shall be sold, released or permitted to be redeemed unless or until the Warden is satisfied that it is safe to release such animal. Dogs which the Dog Control Warden has reason to believe may have rabies shall be held in quarantine in a place to be determined by the County Health Officer for such period as may be necessary to determine whether the dog is rabid.

B.) Upon finding that an animal is a "potentially dangerous dog", the County Dog Control Warden, or selected designee shall notify the owner in writing, giving the reason for this determination.

1] No dog may be declared potentially dangerous if the threat, injury or damage was incurred to a person, who:

- (a) At the time was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the dog, or
- (b) Was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog, or
- (c) Was committing or attempting to commit a crime.

2] The injury or damage sustained by another domestic animal occurred

while on the premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the animal.

C.) Every potentially dangerous dog shall be confined by the owner in an enclosure and shall be securely restrained and shall be under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's command at all times. An owner shall not leave a Dangerous Dog unattended on the owner's real property unless the dog is confined indoors or in a locked and secure enclosure. **Whenever potentially dangerous / dangerous dog is outside, it must be securely muzzled and leashed at all times.**

SECTION 14. POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS / DANGEROUS DOGS, NOT TO RUN AT LARGE; IMPOUNDED; REDEMPTION

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a **potentially dangerous / dangerous** dog owned or harbored by him to run "At Large". If any person violates this section after having once been tried and convicted thereof, the **potentially dangerous / dangerous** dog shall be apprehended by the Dog Control Warden or other designated officer and shall be impounded in the dog pound. The owner of such dog may redeem it from the dog pound within 5 days after its seizure upon payment of a redemption fee established by Resolution. Redemption is subject, however, to the consent of the warden as provided in Section 12 above.

SECTION 15. DISPOSITION OF DEAD DOGS

The Dog Control Warden and the Sheriff's Office shall collect all dead dogs found on the public grounds or highways of the County. In case of a dog wearing a current license, they shall notify the owner thereof. When the owner of any dog is unknown, they shall dispose of the carcass. The owner of any dog that is killed or dies shall immediately provide burial or cremation.

SECTION 16. CONFINEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF INJURED OR DISEASED DOGS; FEMALE DOGS IN HEAT

A. Any dog which may appear to be suffering from rabies or affected with Mange, or other infectious or hazardous diseases shall not be released and shall be destroyed.

B. Every female dog in heat shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure in such a manner that the dog will not attract or come in contact with male dogs, except for a planned breeding. If a dog belonging to the same owner is impounded in heat twice within twelve (12) months, said dog shall not be released to its owner, unless the owner pays a fee for the spaying or neutering of said dog with one (1) week after notice.

SECTION 17. INJURING OR KILLING PROHIBITED.

No person shall willfully injure, beat, abuse or run down with a vehicle any dog. No person shall willfully kill any dog not owned by him except as may be expressly permitted by law.

SECTION 18. ABANDONMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave, with the intent to abandon, any dog on a street, road, highway, or in a public place, or on private property, in Somerset County.

SECTION 19. CONFINEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF DOGS WHICH HAVE BITTEN HUMAN BEINGS.

A. Any person who knows or has reason to believe that their dog or a dog in their custody has bitten any person shall report such fact to the County Health Officer, the Dog Control Warden and the Sheriff's Office immediately, and shall confine said dog at the owner's expense for a period of ten (10) days in a manner directed by the County Health Officer, provided, however, the County Health Officer, if he has reason to believe that the dog is rabid, may order such dog confined for such additional period as he may deem necessary to determine whether the dog is in fact rabid.

B. The dog control authority may seize and impound a dangerous dog which engages in one or more of the following behaviors after having previously been determined to be a dangerous dog:

- 1] Without provocation kills, inflicts severe injury upon, or bites a person;
- or
- 2] Kills or inflicts severe injury to a domestic animal while off the premises occupied by the owner of the dog; or
- 3] Attacks without provocation.

C. After seizure and impoundment the dog may, upon order of the County Dog Control Warden or selected designee, be destroyed for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare without regard to any restriction or holding period otherwise established herein. A dog may not be seized, impounded or destroyed pursuant to this paragraph, if the behavior was as a result of an activity described in Section 13, (B) (1) and (2) herein.

SECTION 20. REPORT OF PHYSICIANS.

Any physician who examines or treats a patient from a dog bite injury shall report to the County Health Officer and the Sheriff's Office the following: Name of patient, address of patient, physician's name, date of treatment.

SECTION 21. UNLAWFUL CONCEALMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal any dog or falsely deny ownership of any dog owned or harbored by him from any official properly authorized by the County Commissioners to enumerate such animals or to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 22. DISPOSITION OF DEAD DOGS

It shall be unlawful for the owner or guardian of any dog to deposit or leave such dog, upon its death, on public property or on the property of another person without permission from such person. All such dead dogs shall be promptly disposed of by cremation, burial or other

sanitary means. The Dog Control Warden shall, upon request, pick up dead dogs for disposal for a fee not to exceed a fee established by Resolution.

SECTION 23. INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT.

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest a Dog Control Officer in the performance of his/her duties or release a dog from any trap set or placed by a Dog Control Officer.

SECTION 24. NUISANCES – GENERAL

A) It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow his/her dog to become a public nuisance, as defined in Article II, Section 1, Definition (8) herein.

B.) No owner of a dog shall allow it to soil, defile, defecate or commit other nuisances upon **any** public property, recreation area, or private property other than the owner's. The owner must take immediate steps to eliminate any such nuisance, including feces caused by the dog, in an appropriate and sanitary manner.

SECTION 25. LIABILITY.

Neither Dog Control of Somerset County, nor its employees, shall be liable for any injury, illnesses or death that might occur or be contracted, while the dog is confined at the shelter.

ARTICLE III – ANIMAL WELFARE

SECTION 1. DOGS AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to permit a dog to run at large, regardless of whether the dog is licensed or unlicensed.

ARTICLE IV – DOG LICENSES

SECTION 1. LICENSES, GENERALLY.

A. No person shall own or have custody of any dog over 4 months of age in accordance with state law, unless such dog is licensed as herein provided. This provision shall not apply to dogs in the County for thirty (30) days or less owned by a non-resident, provided such dogs are fully licensed in their home city, county, state.

B. Before any license shall be issued, the owner must produce satisfactory evidence that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies within the preceding year, or that a previous vaccination is still effective as of the date of licensing.

SECTION 2. FEES.

A. Application for licenses shall be made to the Dog Control Warden or other designated persons as prescribed by the Board accompanied by a license fee in such and as shall be from time to time established by the "Board" for each dog.

B. Service dogs trained to assist handicapped persons and dogs trained and regularly employed by law enforcement work by a recognized law enforcement agency shall be provided licenses without charge, but must comply with vaccination provisions.

SECTION 3. LICENSE PERIOD; PENALTY.

A. All licenses shall be valid for one year from each July 1st to the following June 30th.

B. License applications may be made from June 1st through July 31st of the following year without penalty. When an application is made after July 31st, and the dog was subject to licensing prior to that date, a penalty, in addition to the cost of the license, shall be charged as follows:

1]	Up to two months delinquency	\$1.00
2]	From 2 to 4 months delinquency	\$2.00
3]	Over 4 months delinquency	\$5.00

C. When a dog becomes subject to licensing between December 31st and June 1st, only one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the license fee shall be charged.

SECTION 4. LICENSE TAGES; LOST TAGS; NON-TRANSFERABILITY.

A. License tags shall bear the name of the County, the number of the corresponding certificate and the year of issue.

B. License tags and certificates are not transferable from one dog to another.

C. In case of loss of a license tag, the owner may procure another tag for use during the balance of the year by surrendering the old certificate and payment of twenty-five cents (\$0.25).

SECTION 5. KENNEL LICENSES.

A. Any person who maintains for breeding, hunting, treatment, boarding, sale or training a pack or collection of five dogs or more on his premises shall obtain a kennel license which shall cover all dogs on or within the premises described in the application for such license. Dogs kept as part of a kennel must meet the rabies vaccination requirement of Article IV, Section 1; Sub-paragraph (b) herein.

B. Under such a license, hunting dogs, dogs for breeding purposes or dogs for sale, when under close supervision, may be taken from the kennel to the hunting field and hunted or taken for exercise or showing, and returned to the kennel in similar manner. However, no dog kept at the kennel may otherwise be permitted to leave the kennel unless the dog is wearing an individual dog license tag. For protection and identification, when in transit between the kennel and the field as provided above, kennel dogs shall wear collars or harnesses with kennel identification marks bearing the kennel name or number attached thereto. These marks may be removed only when dogs are under supervision in the exercise or hunting field.

C. Such kennel licenses shall be obtained on or before July 1st of each year and shall expire on June 30th of the following year. The license fees for kennels owning or keeping not

more than twenty-five (25) dogs shall from time to time be established by the "Board". License fees for kennels owning or keeping over twenty-five (25) dogs shall be in such and shall from time to time be established by the "Board". Kennel licenses may be issued after June 1st of any year in the same manner as individual dog licenses may be issued under preceding Sections.

D. Every holder of a kennel license shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of the owners of each dog kept in such kennel and a record giving full data concerning sales or other dispositions of dogs from such kennels or shops.

E. Kennel Licensing procedure:

(a) The Dog Control Warden or officer shall inspect the facility prior to issuing or renewing the license.

(b) An annual kennel license shall be issued on successful completion of an inspection and payment of the applicable fee(s).

(c) An annual zoning certificate (Permit) is required by the Planning & Zoning Office of owning fifteen (15) or more dogs, stating that the property is zoned for a kennel.

**SECTION 6. LICENSE TAGS TO BE ATTACHED TO DOGS;
REMOVAL OF TAGS.**

A. Individual license tags shall be attached to the dog for which issued. Upon the change of ownership of any dog, every person purchasing or otherwise acquiring such dog shall purchase a new County License and notify the Dog Control Warden in writing of such change in ownership.

B. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit such dog to be "At Large", except as provided in this Ordinance, without having its individual license tag attached to a collar or harness worn by the dog.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than the owner of the dog or his agent, to remove any license tag from a dog.

D. The licensing provisions of this article shall not apply to dogs actually confined to the premises of educational and research institutions or incorporated benevolent societies devoted to the care or hospital treatment of lost, strayed or homeless animals.

SECTION 7. DISPOSITION OF LICENSE FEES AND OTHER FUNDS.

All dog license fees collected and any and all other monies received from fees, charges, or sales shall be delivered unto the Treasurer of Somerset County, who shall keep an accurate record thereof. The monies thus collected shall be used by the County Commissioners to defray the expenses and costs of enforcement and administration of this Ordinance and to defray the costs and construction of one or more pounds for the keeping, maintaining and disposition of dogs as set forth in this Ordinance.

ARTICLE V – PENALTIES AND FINES, GENERAL

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SECTION 1. CIVIL PENALTIES.

A. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

B. Dog Control Officers or the Sheriff's Deputies shall deliver a citation to any person alleged to be committing a civil violation.

C. The citation shall bear a certification of the enforcing official attesting to the truth of the matter set forth in the citation and shall contain the following:

- a. The name and address of the person charged;
- b. The nature of the civil infraction;
- c. The location and time that the civil infraction occurred or was observed;
- d. The amount of the fine assessed;
- e. The manner, location, and time in which the fine may be paid, and
- f. The person's right to elect to stand trial.

ARTICLE VI – SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 1. Should any article, section or part of an article or section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this shall not affect the validity of any other article or section or part of an article or section or provision of this Ordinance, or the Ordinance as a whole, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

ARTICLE VII – EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 1. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 1st day of July, 2006. APPROVED AND PASSED, this 16th day of May, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND

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