

**COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2202

INTRODUCED BY: Gordon Fronk

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: March 22, 2022

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO AMEND THE HARBOR LINE TO ELIMINATE THE NONCONFORMING STATUS OF SEVERAL EXISTING PIERS AFFIXED TO PROPERTIES WITHIN TOWN CREEK IN THE AREA KNOWN AS CROCKETT'S COVE**

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Meeting Room, Market Street, Oxford, Maryland 21654.

By Order \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Manager

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2202 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and enacted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheryl Lewis, Town Manager  
Town of Oxford

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WHEREAS, Maryland Code Ann. Article 23A, §2 (b)(23A) authorizes the Commissioners of Oxford to create, appoint, and establish a board of port wardens to exercise jurisdiction within the limits of the municipal corporation, to regulate the placement, erection and construction of structures, wharves, piers, moorings, buoys, piles or pilings, or other barriers or obstructions within or on the waters of the Town of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, the Commissioners of Oxford established the Board of Port Wardens of the Town of Oxford in October, 1979 to regulate the placement of wharves, piers, mooring piles; floating docks,

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1982, the Commissioners of Oxford adopted a Harbor Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 173); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Harbor Management Ordinance, the Commissioners of Oxford established the Town's harbor line by a map titled "OXFORD HARBOR LINE MAP TOWN OF OXFORD TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND", prepared by Andrews, Miller & Associates, Inc., dated December 17, 1981 ("Harbor Line"); and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, by Ordinance No. 1205, the Commissioners of Oxford amended the Harbor Line as found on the map titled "Oxford Harbor Line Revision Map", prepared by Otwell Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Harbor Line currently bisects several piers affixed to properties located in Crockett's Cove which is located within Town Creek, which were constructed prior to the establishment of the Harbor Line; and

WHEREAS, the Oxford Board of Port Wardens has recommended that the Commissioners of Oxford amend the Harbor Line to eliminate the nonconforming status of the piers extending from several properties located in Crockett's Cove; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Oxford have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend the Harbor Line as recommended by the Board of Port Wardens.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commissioners of Oxford as follows:

**Section 1.** The Oxford Harbor Line as set forth on the Town's harbor line map titled "OXFORD HARBOR LINE MAP TOWN OF OXFORD TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND", prepared by Andrews, Miller & Associates, Inc., dated December 17, 1981, as amended by the "OXFORD HARBOR LINE REVISION Map", prepared by Otwell Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 2012, is hereby further amended as reflected on the attached map titled "HARBOR LINE EXHIBIT (OPTION 3)", prepared by Lane Engineering, LLC, dated \_\_\_\_\_ which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. All other courses and distances of the Harbor Line shall remain unchanged.

**Section 2.** The Town's harbor line map titled "OXFORD HARBOR LINE MAP TOWN OF OXFORD TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND", prepared by Andrews, Miller & Associates, Inc., dated December 17, 1981, as amended by the "OXFORD HARBOR LINE REVISION MAP", prepared by Otwell Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 2012, is hereby further revised by the "HARBOR LINE EXHIBIT (OPTION 3)", prepared by Lane Engineering, dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 3.** Section 11.11 of the Oxford Town Code is hereby amended as follows:

**A. Adoption of Harbor Line.** As part of Ordinance No. 173, adopted on May 6, 1982, the Commissioners of Oxford adopted a harbor line map entitled "Oxford Harbor Line Map", consisting of two sheets, each showing a different part of Town Creek. In June of 2012, by Ordinance No. 1205, the Harbor Line was amended to eliminate the nonconforming status of several existing piers affixed to properties along South Morris Street. The amended Harbor Line is depicted on a plat titled "Oxford Harbor Line Revision Map" prepared by *Otwell Engineering* ~~Steven Herman Juriz~~, dated June 1, 2012. ***By Ordinance No. 2202, the Harbor Line was amended to eliminate the nonconforming status of several existing piers affixed to properties within the area commonly known as Crockett's Cove. The amendments***

*are depicted on a plat titled "Harbor Line Exhibits Option 3", prepared by Lane Engineering, dated \_\_\_\_\_.* Said Harbor Line Map, with all notations, dimensions, references and other data shown thereon, as amended by Ordinances 1205 *and* 2202, is *hereby the Oxford harbor line map and* is intended to be part of this Ordinance and is located at the Town Office.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days from its enactment.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

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Gordon Fronk, President

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James Jaramillo, Commissioner

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Brian Wells, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Lewis  
Town Manager