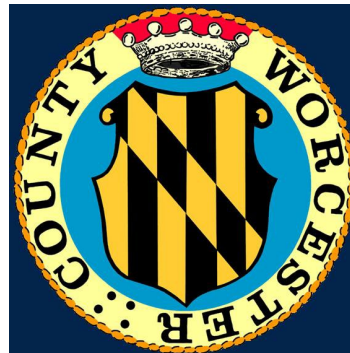


# Local Government Updates



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# Wicomico County Legislative Issues

## Septic Task Force:

This week I'll be meeting with Amanda Pollack and Adam Corry on 6/24 at 2PM. Ms. Pollack just presented the Wicomico County's master sewer plan to the County Council last Tuesday with Mr. Corry.

Salisbury Sewer Extension: The County is in the process of retaining an engineering firm to begin the City's sewer expansion. In July, the County will receive notification of MDE funding for this project. In September, the County will begin outreach to neighborhoods. In December, design for the expansion will be complete, then in January of 2026, the final sanitary districts will have been created, and construction can begin.

Parsonsburg Sewer Extension: The County is currently looking to secure MDE funding for sewer extension in the eastern part of the county. Public outreach will begin this fall and designing will begin March of 2026.

Western Sewer Expansion: Drafting for a preliminary engineering report is underway for the western part of the County, locations for a County owned sewer system are the footprints in Mardela Springs, Sharptown, Hebron. This project is in it's relevant infancy and funding applications and public outreach will begin next winter/spring.





# Wicomico County Legislative Issues

## Comprehensive Water / Sewer Plan

A revised water / sewer plan is in the works in Wicomico. The County is currently reviewing the scope of work for sewer expansion. By August, meetings between the County and municipalities will begin and new GIS mapping for water / sewer. Public outreach is slated to begin in the spring of 2026 and a revised water / sewer plan will hopefully be adopted by June of 2026.

I am seeking more details on this and the future for county sewer / septic this week.

If you are interested in being a part of the Septic Task Force, or think there is someone knowledgeable to invite, please let me know!





# Wicomico County Legislative Issues

## **Wicomico New District Three Representative**

The Wicomico County Council is looking to appoint David Ennis to the District Three seat. Ennis currently serves in the Wicomico County Republican Central Committee's leadership as its treasurer. He also served on the Board of Appeals and Ethics Commission and is a member of the Greater Salisbury Committee.





# Wicomico County Legislative Issues

## Wicomico Planning and Zoning

The County Council passed the adoption of a County P&Z Commission, which will take effect Aug, 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are as follows:

- Start date of Sept 1, 2025.
- Meets once per month unless there is no pending business. Special sessions can be called by the Chair.
- Members can enter land to make examinations.
- Members shall be confirmed by the County Council.
- Members serve five-year terms.
- The first board will consist of three members which serve three years and four members which serve five years (to stagger members and not have seven vacancies at once).
- Members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms.
- Members must be 21 years of age, live in the county, and complete the necessary education within 6 months of appointment.

Salisbury had their first introduction of their own P&Z board. This began in work session and is still several weeks from adoption, but it models the Wicomico legislation closely.





# Somerset County Legislative Issues

## Tawes

We've sent our deposit for Tawes on Sept. 24, keeping things the same as we have previously.

We are looking for event sponsors, please direct those interested in attending, volunteering, or sponsoring the event to this link: <https://members.coastalrealtors.org/event-calendar/Details/2025-j-millard-tawes-crab-and-clam-bake-1398323?sourceTypeId=Hub>

The most recent Crisfield Budget includes an increase in water charges by 12%, and an increase in sewer charges by 7%. The city is in need of system upgrades and are looking to improve their drainage system.



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# Worcester County Legislative Issues

## Nonconforming Properties

There are about 250 dwelling units that are nonconforming in the R-1 and MH zones in Ocean City. Most of these are in Caine Woods and Little Salisbury. The Council has shown the intent to address these properties at a later date, after the referendum vote ends on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I'll be looking for any public notices as amendments to the current set of rental restriction ordinances will have to come before the Council and the public.





# Worcester County Legislative Issues

## Mailers to OCMD Voters

More mail! We are sending another batch of mailers to OCMD residents informing them of how and where to vote in the upcoming election on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you can spare some time this week, please let me know as our goal is to send another three thousand letters by this Friday.

Help is appreciated!





# Elections

I'm keeping an eye on filings for County elections – thus far only a few have made their official filings, most notable being County Executive Giordano who is seeking reelection.



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