

# **Local Government Updates**

















#### **Salisbury Planning**

Salisbury Planning Commission is still in work session.

Three members shall reside in the city limits; the remaining four members may live in the greater Salisbury area (21804 or 21801).

Working in these zip codes are not qualifiers; one must live in these areas.

This should appear for a first reading at the next Council meeting, this upcoming Monday. As it is written now, if passed, will take effect Sept. 1.





#### **Septic Task Force:**

I wanted to get some more information regarding the Master Plan – the plan is generally to expand on existing sewer systems first, bringing connections into the expanded sewer. "low hanging fruit" first. But because some systems are in need of upgrades, and expansion cannot happen until these upgrades happen, projects like Parsonsburg will take nearly eight years to begin.

I had also expressed my concern with holding tanks, the devaluing of property due to them, and that impact on the tax base. Mr. Corry explained to me that under a County's Master plan, there exists different zoning. MDE cannot issue a holding tank in many of these water/sewer zones and that permission must be granted from the steward of the County's Master plan to issue a holding tank in these zones. I've requested more information on this, but it seems to be an added protection for homeowners.

They had also stressed the importance of an updated Master Plan as funding for upgrades and infrastructure will not be given without an on-time and updated plan.

Also, onsite sewage systems are not recorded by the health department, and there is no way to know the percentages of system types in Wicomico without looking at permits individually.





New Candidate: Megan Otten, District Seven

Former Salisbury Councilwoman Megan Otten has announced her running for the newly created Wicomico County Council seat seven.

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Agendas:**

City of Salisbury: 07/28/25, 125 N. Division ST, Salisbury, 6PM. Legislative Session Agenda. Work Session Agenda.





#### **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.

Submit a letter of intent and a resume to <a href="mailto:ltaylor@wicomicocounty.org">ltaylor@wicomicocounty.org</a> to apply for the County P&Z board.

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: <a href="https://members.coastalrealtors.org/event-calendar/Details/2025-j-millard-tawes-crab-and-clam-bake-1398323?sourceTypeId=Hub">https://members.coastalrealtors.org/event-calendar/Details/2025-j-millard-tawes-crab-and-clam-bake-1398323?sourceTypeId=Hub</a>







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### **Upcoming Meetings & Agendas**

Somerset Commissioners: 11916 Somerset Avenue Room 111. 07/29/25. Meeting Agenda.







## Worcester County Legislative Issues

### **Upcoming Meetings & Agendas**

Ocean City: 07/29/25. 301 N. Baltimore, Ocean City. 1PM. Work Session Agenda.

Snow Hill: 07/29/25. Worcester Government Building, room 1102, Snow Hill. Meeting Agenda.

Ocean Pines: 07/26/25. Clubhouse Meeting Room. 9AM. Meeting Agenda.

Ocean Pines BOD Elections close August 6<sup>th</sup>. Ballot boxes are open 24/7 until the sixth.



