

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
BILL 23-06

BY: Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Abbott, Fiori, and Purnell

INTRODUCED: June 6, 2023

A legislative bill for the purpose of amending the County ordinance regulating activity at County landings.

- I. **Be It Enacted by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland**, that § CG 4-406 (County Landings) of the County Government Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§ CG 4-406 County Landings

(a) Definitions.

- (1) “County landings”: Any dock, harbor, wharf, pier, or ramp owned, maintained, or operated by the County Commissioners of Worcester County.
- (2) “Ancillary activities”:
 - A. Parking of vehicles used for transporting watercraft or passengers utilizing the landing;
 - B. Crabbing and fishing; or
 - C. Such other activities as may be permitted by the County Commissioners.
- (3) “Commercial user”: An individual or entity using a County landing in a manner that is connected with or that furthers an ongoing profit-making activity.
- (4) “Heavy equipment operator”: An individual or entity that operates earthmoving, construction, or industrial equipment that is mobile and weighs at least 1,500 pounds.

(b) Limitation on use.

- (1) All County landings shall be used exclusively for the landing and retrieval of watercraft and ancillary activities.
- (2) Commercial users are permitted to the extent that their use does not:

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- A. Create a conflict with the general boating public;
 - B. Interfere with recreational boaters needs; or
 - C. Have the potential to damage the landing or related County property.
- (c) Prohibited activities. The following activities are prohibited at County landings:
- (1) Tenting, camping, or sleeping.
 - (2) Storage or warehousing of personal property.
 - (3) Anchoring, docking, mooring, or tying up to any County landing or its pilings.
- (d) Heavy Equipment Operators using County landings must:
- (1) Annually register with the County department designated to manage County landings; and
 - (2) Maintain adequate insurance as determined from time to time by the County Commissioners.
- (e) Parking.
- (1) From May 1 to September 30 of each year, commercial users and their patrons or guests are prohibited from occupying more than a total of two parking spaces in a landing's lot.
 - (2) The County may require payment for parking at any County landing.
- (f) Impoundment of property. Any personal property left at any County landings without authorization will be subject to impoundment by the County Commissioners or the County Sheriff, who may charge a fee upon redemption in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of impoundment.
- (g) Special use permits. Any person wishing a special use permit for an activity not permitted may apply in writing to the County Commissioners, who may, in their sole discretion, grant such permit.
- (h) Violations.
- (1) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a civil infraction.
 - (2) Each day of a violation constitutes a separate offense.

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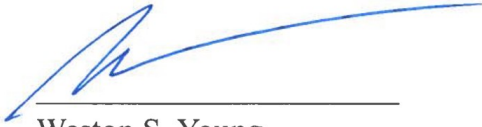
- ~~(a) “County landings” defined. Used herein, the term “county landing” shall mean any dock, harbor, wharf, pier or ramp owned, maintained or operated by the County Commissioners of Worcester County except the West Ocean City Harbor.~~
- ~~(b) Limitation on use. All county landings shall be used exclusively for the landing and retrieval of watercraft and ancillary activities thereto as herein set forth.~~
- ~~(c) “Ancillary activities” defined. “Ancillary activities” mean:~~
- ~~(1) Parking of vehicles used for transporting watercraft or passengers utilizing the landing.~~
 - ~~(2) Crabbing and fishing.~~
 - ~~(3) Such other activities as may from time to time be permitted by the County Commissioners.~~
- ~~(d) Prohibited activities. The following activities are prohibited at county landings:~~
- ~~(1) Commercial activities, including loading and unloading of produce, seafood, freight or merchandise.~~
 - ~~(2) Tenting, camping or sleeping.~~
 - ~~(3) Storage or warehousing of personal property.~~
 - ~~(4) Anchoring, docking, mooring or tying up to any county landing or piling associated therewith.~~
- ~~(e) Impoundment of property. Any personal property [except for motor vehicles as permitted by Subsection (e) hereof] left at any county boat landings shall be subject to impoundment by the County Commissioners or County Sheriff, who may charge a fee upon redemption in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of impoundment.~~
- ~~(f) Special use permits. Any person wishing a special use permit for an activity not permitted hereunder may apply, in writing, to the County Commissioners, who may, in their sole discretion, grant such permit.~~
- ~~(g) Violations. Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be guilty of a civil infraction. Each day of a violation constitutes a separate offense.~~

II. **Be It Further Enacted by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland** that this Bill will take effect 45 days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this 15 day of August, 2023:

Attest:

**County Commissioners of
Worcester County, Maryland**



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Chief Administrative Officer

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Caryn G. Abbott, Commissioner

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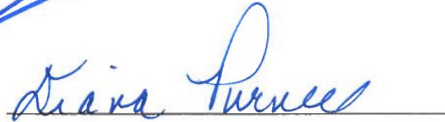
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