

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO**

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: 2022-07
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
INTRODUCED: October 25, 2022

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2012-02 ESTABLISHING A
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro has authority pursuant to Sections 82-16 and 82-17 of the Town Charter to create certain offices and committees to further the public interest of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has long held that the Town has existed in various forms since 1706 and has a rich history and further has found that there is a continuous need to collect, discover, advance, preserve and disseminate this rich history for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Town has found that it is fortunate to have talented and interested citizens dedicated to advancing the history of the Town; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above recitals, the Board of Commissioners formally formed the Historical Committee for the Town of Upper Marlboro with the enactment of Ordinance 2012-02 and now wishes to amend and repeal said ordinance to govern said Committee uniformly like all other similar committees created by the Town under Ordinance 2019-02 entitled as “The Town of Upper Marlboro Committee and Other Appointed Bodies, Practices and Procedures Ordinance;” and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to timely reorganize and conform the governance of said Historical Committee pursuant to said Ordinance 2019-02; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 82-11 of the Town Charter, in cases of emergency, the provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced may be suspended by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners, and that every ordinance, unless it is passed as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval of the Board of Commissioners, and that each ordinance shall be posted in the Town office, and each ordinance, or a fair summary thereof, shall be published at least once, in a newspaper of general

circulation in the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of The Town of Upper Marlboro sitting in regular session this 25th day of October, 2022 that the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest to repeal Ordinance 2012-02 and continue to establish and govern the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee under Ordinance 2019-02 pursuant to the following conditions and requirements:

1. That the Committee shall report to the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with its bylaws and Ordinance 2019-02, and submit a proposed budget during the month of March, of each year, to the President of the Town.
2. That the meetings of the Committee are subject to the Open Meetings Act.
3. That the Committee adopt new by-laws in accordance with Ordinance 2019-02 and this Ordinance for approval by the Board as soon as practicable.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland that due to the exigent circumstances and important governmental interests stated in the above recitals and herein and in order to further promote the health, safety and welfare of the Town and the general public, the Charter provision requiring that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced is hereby suspended by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners, and that this Emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately following approval by the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland that this Emergency Ordinance shall be posted in the Town Hall office, and it or a fair summary thereof, shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

John Hoatson, Town Clerk

Sarah Franklin, President

Date: _____

Charles Colbert, Commissioner

Janice Duckett, Commissioner

Thomas Hanchett, Commissioner

Karen Lott, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Upper Marlboro and that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro at a public meeting at which a quorum was present adopted this Emergency Ordinance unanimously, and that said Emergency Ordinance is in full force and effect and has not been amended or repealed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the municipal corporation, this 25th day of October 2022.

John Hoatson, Town Clerk