



Council of the Town of Leonardtown
Ordinance No. 227
Subject: 2025 Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Date Introduced on First Reading: March 10, 2025
Date of Public Hearing Planning and Zoning: March 17, 2025
Date of Public Hearing Town Council: April 14, 2025
Date Passed on Second Reading: _____, 2025
Date Effective: _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE for the purpose of adopting the 2025 Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary; and generally relating to land use in the Town of Leonardtown.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 3-101(a), a local jurisdiction shall enact, adopt, amend, and execute a comprehensive plan in accordance with Division I (Single-Jurisdiction Planning and Zoning) of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 3-301(a), at least once every ten years, each planning commission shall review the comprehensive plan and, if necessary, revise or amend the comprehensive plan to include all the elements required under Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 3-101, et seq. and the visions set forth in Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 1-201; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 3-204, a legislative body may adopt, modify, remand, or disapprove the comprehensive plan or any part thereof or any amendment thereto; and

WHEREAS, the current Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Leonardtown was adopted in 2010 pursuant to Ordinance No. 145 (the “2010 Comprehensive Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Commission (the “Planning Commission”) has reviewed the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and has proposed revisions and amendments thereto, as more fully set forth in the 2025 Leonardtown Comprehensive Land

Use Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein (the “2025 Comprehensive Plan”); and

WHEREAS, on _____, 202_, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, notice of which was published on _____, 202_, in _____, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the Council of the Town of Leonardtown (the “Town Council”) adopt the 2025 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on _____, 2025, the Town Council held a duly advertised public hearing regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, notice of which was published on _____, 2025, in _____, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and

WHEREAS, having considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the comments received during the _____, 2025, public hearing, the Town Council is desirous of adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and finds that such adoption would be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town.

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LEONARDTOWN, that the 2025 Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted as the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Leonardtown.

SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Council that this Ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the title of this Ordinance, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

SECTION VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the whole Council after veto by the Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 5-204(c)(3) and §§ 501(49) and 1201 of the Charter.

Councilpersons of Leonardtown:

Laschelle E. McKay
Town Administrator

J. Maguire Mattingly, IV
Vice President

Nick Colvin
Council Member

Seal:

Heather Earhart
Council Member

Christy Hollander
Council Member

Mary Slade
Council Member

This Ordinance was presented to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval pursuant to Section 210 of the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

In accordance with Section 210 of the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown, I hereby (Approve) or (Disapprove) _____ this Ordinance this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor