

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2002 Edition, as amended)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County

Section 49-1 to be under the amended chapter "Chapter 49. Emergency Services Tax"

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Preamble

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners for St. Mary's County desire to dedicate a revenue stream to fire, rescue, and other emergency support services, rather than requiring those entities to rely upon annual budget appropriations from the County Commissioners for operating and capital revenue; and

WHEREAS, This action is not to impose a greater tax burden upon the citizens of St. Mary's County than would otherwise exist; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners for St. Mary's County have expressed publicly their intent to reduce the local real property tax rate by an amount equivalent to the combined tax imposed on real property for rescue and support services under Chapter 49, Section 1 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 49-1, 49-2, and 49-6 of Article 19 – St. Mary's County of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 49-3, 49-4, and 49-5, respectively, of Article 19 – St. Mary's County of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 49-2, 49-3, and 49-4, respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 19 – St. Mary's County

Chapter 49. [Fire Tax] EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX

49-1.

A. IN THIS CHAPTER, "SUPPORT SERVICES ORGANIZATION" INCLUDES:

- (1) ST. MARY'S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT, INC.;
- (2) THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE;
- (3) THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM;