

ORDINANCE NO. 718

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE EASTON TOWN CODE TO REVISE THE TOWN'S FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

INTRODUCED BY _____

WHEREAS, in 1991 The State of Maryland enacted legislation regarding the protection and expansion of forested lands in the State, the same being currently codified as Natural Resources Article 08.19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the aforementioned State law, the Town of Easton enacted a local Forest Conservation Ordinance via Ordinance 231, effective January 1, 1993, which ordinance is Chapter 31 of the Easton Town Code; and

WHEREAS, since the law was originally enacted, changes have been made to the State Law regulating Forest Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Easton Town Council wishes to update our local Forest Conservation Ordinance to be more consistent with contemporary State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission considered the matter, and recommended that the Town Council approve the updated Town of Easton Forest Conservation Ordinance (Attachment 1 hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Easton Town Council held a duly noticed public hearing on this Ordinance on Monday, February 19, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Easton hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 31 of the Town of Easton Code, shall be revised and wholly readopted as hereinafter provided in Attachment 1 to this Ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. The Easton Town Council intends that, if a court of competent

jurisdiction issues a final decision holding that any part of this ordinance is invalid, the remaining provisions hereof remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. In accordance with Article II Section 9 of the Easton Town Charter, this ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) calendar days after approval by the Mayor or passage of this ordinance by the Council over the Mayor's veto.

Silverstein -
Leshner -
Engle -
Cook -
Ford -

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Council this _____ day of _____, 2018.

John F. Ford, Town Council President

Delivered to the Mayor by me this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Kathy Ruf, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Date: _____

Robert C. Willey, Mayor

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____, 2018.

