RE: Establishing a property Commerce Zone

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## PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCE ZONE

WHEREAS, Section 9-306(h) of the *Tax-Property Article* of the <u>Maryland Annotated Code</u>, as amended by 2016 <u>Laws of Maryland</u> Chapter 138, provides the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland authority to designate Commerce Zones within Priority Funding Areas and grant, by law, a property tax credit for business entities that obtain certain new or expanded premises in a Commerce Zone in Calvert County;

WHEREAS, Section 9-306 of the *Tax-Property Article* of the <u>Maryland Annotated Code</u>, as amended by 2016 <u>Laws of Maryland</u>, Chapter 138, further provides that, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland may provide for specific eligibility requirements; additional limitations on eligibility; and any other provision necessary to implement the property tax credit;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to enact amendments to *Article XI* to Chapter 136 of the <u>Code</u> setting forth the procedures for establishing a Commerce Zone and eligibility requirements for a Commerce Zone Tax Credit;

WHEREAS, the Calvert County Department of Economic Development has recommended the following lots and parcels, being commonly known as the Patuxent Business Park, be established as a Commerce Zone:

Tax Map	Parcel	Lots
0043	0247	1, 2, 3, 4R
0043	0248	5R, 6R
0043	0249	13, 14
0043	0250	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12;

WHEREAS, Article XI of Chapter 136 of the <u>Code</u> requires a public hearing prior to establishing a Commerce Zone by Resolution;

WHEREAS, after due notice was published, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on October 18, 2016, to solicit public comments upon the establishment of the recommended Commerce Zone;

WHEREAS, after considering the testimony presented at the public hearing and in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to establish the Commerce Zone as requested by the Department of Economic Development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that established a Commerce Zone that includes the following lots and parcels, being commonly known as the Patuxent Business Park:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, in the event any portion of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, illegal. null or void, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be enforceable and valid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this Resolution shall be effective upon recordation and publication of a fair summary.

DONE, this 18th day of October 2016 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland. Aye: Nay: Absent/Abstain: ATTEST: **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND Evan K. Slaughenhoupt Jr., President Tom Hejl, Vice-President Approved for form and legal sufficiency by: Mike Hart John B. Nørris, III, County Attorney, Received for Record. October 1, 2016 at 10 45 o'clock A..... M. Same day recorded in Liber KPS No. ..... 50...... Folio......COUNTY COMMISSIONERSteven R. Weems