

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE

TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

ORDINANCE: 2013-01 Town Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

SESSION: Regular Town Meeting

INTRODUCED: May 14, 2013

FOR APPROVAL: June 4, 2013

AN ORDINANCE relating to adopting and approving the budget for the fiscal year 2014 and to establish certain procedures for reviewing and amending same, as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in this State pursuant to Article 23A, Section 2(b)(2) of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("Code") is delegated express ordinance making powers to expend municipal funds for any purpose deemed to be public and which affects the safety, health, and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants,

WHEREAS, every municipal legislative body is further expressly delegated ordinance making powers pursuant to Code, Article 23A, Section 2(b)(2) to expend municipal funds provided that any funds not appropriated at the time of the annual levy, shall not be expended, nor shall any funds appropriated be expended for any purpose other than that for which appropriated, except by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to said legislative body,

WHEREAS, the Town of Upper Marlboro for fiscal year 2014 is exempt from the notice and hearing requirements of the Maryland Constant Yield Tax Rate Law (Code, Tax-Property Art., Section 6-308),

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Upper Marlboro ("Charter") prescribes that the President of the Board of Commissioners ("President") at least thirty days before the beginning of the fiscal year shall submit a budget to the Board of Commissioners ("Board"),

WHEREAS, the fiscal year for each municipal corporation in the State of Maryland is mandated by Code, Article 24, Section 1-102, and Charter, Section 82-39 to begin on July 1 of a calendar year and end on June 30 of the next calendar year,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-40 further prescribes that the budget shall provide a complete financial plan for the budget year and shall contain estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for the coming year,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-41 prescribes that before adopting the budget the Board may hold a public hearing thereon upon such notice as may be deemed appropriate and that the Board may increase, decrease or eliminate any item in the budget and may add new items thereto,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-41 further prescribes that the budget shall be adopted in the form of an ordinance, and that a favorable vote of at least a majority of the total elected membership of the Board shall be necessary for adoption,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-11 mandates that except in cases of emergency, no ordinance shall be passed at the same meeting at which it is introduced and that at any regular or special meeting of the Board held not less than six nor more than sixty days after the meeting at which the ordinance was introduced, it shall be passed, or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-11 further mandates 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,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-42 prescribes that no public money may be expended without having been appropriated by the Board, and that from the effective date of the budget, the several amounts stated therein as proposed expenditures shall be and become appropriated to the several objects and purposes named therein,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-43 prescribes that any transfer of funds between major appropriations for different purposes by the President must be approved by the Board before becoming effective,

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-44 proscribes any expenditures or contracts to expend money or to incur any monetary liability in excess of the amounts appropriated for or transferred to a particular general classification of expenditure in the budget, and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 82-48 mandates that prior to June 30th in each and every year the Board shall determine the tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year, which determination shall constitute the tax levy for such year.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO, STATE OF MARYLAND, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: