

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 2024-12

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND REPEALING CHAPTER 63 (BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION) OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS BILL SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO BURIAL SITES IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, Chapter 63 (Burial Sites Preservation) of the Dorchester County Code (the “County Code”) requires the County Council of Dorchester County (the “County Council”) to appoint a Burial Sites Preservation Board (the “Board”) to carry out the purposes of Chapter 63, which are to foster the protection and preservation of burial sites, cemeteries, burial grounds, and funerary objects in Dorchester County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the County does not currently have a Board constituted; and

WHEREAS, the County Council no longer deems it necessary for the County to have a Board or to otherwise regulate burial sites, cemeteries, burial grounds, and funerary objects in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the repeal of Chapter 63 of the County Code as set forth herein is necessary to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION ONE: Be it enacted and ordained by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that Chapter 63 of the Dorchester County Code, entitled “Burial Sites Preservation,” §§ 63-1 through 63-8,” be and it is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION TWO: And be it further enacted and ordained that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Bill is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of 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 Bill, it being the intent of the County Council that this Bill shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION THREE: And be it further enacted and ordained that all bills, ordinances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR: Pursuant to the Acts be it further enacted and ordained by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that General Code Publishers is directed to codify the above repeal of Chapter 63 of the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

SECTION FIVE: And be it further enacted and ordained pursuant to § 308 of the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland that promptly after enactment of this Act, the County Manager shall cause a fair summary of this Act to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Dorchester County, Maryland.

SECTION SIX: And be it further enacted and ordained by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2024-12 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jerry Jones, County Manager

BY: _____
George L. Pfeffer, Jr., President

Pfeffer –

Detmer –

Kramer –

Nichols –

Travers –