

**COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEONARDTOWN APPLYING FOR RE-DESIGNATION AS AN ARTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Leonardtown has applied to the Secretary of Business and Economic Development of the State of Maryland for re-designation of the Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District (the “District”) within certain boundaries shown on the map attached to this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, under State law, the re-designation of an arts and entertainment district; (i) provides an income tax subtraction modification for qualifying residing artists under §10-207(v) of the Tax – General Article; (ii) a property tax credit under §9-240 of the Tax – Property Article; and (iii) an exemption from the admissions and amusement tax under §4-104 of the Tax – General Article.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners of Leonardtown agree to the following:

1. The geographic boundaries of the Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District shall remain as depicted on the attached map titled “Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District Map.
2. The Commissioners of Leonardtown fully approve and support the re-designation of the District; and
3. The Commissioners of Leonardtown understand that the income tax subtraction modification under 10-207(v) of the Tax – General Article for qualifying residing artists in the District might affect its income tax receipts; and
4. If the Secretary approves the District re-designation, Leonardtown shall provide the following incentives to eligible persons in the District:
 - (a) During the entire designation period approved by the Secretary, exemption from the Admission and Amusement Tax gross receipts from any admissions or amusement charge levied by an arts and entertainment enterprise or qualifying residing artist in the District; and
 - (b) During the entire designation period approved by Secretary, a real property tax credit further described in §9-240 of the Tax – Property Article against the Leonardtown property tax imposed on the eligible assessment of an eligible building. The real property tax credit amount shall be the increase of the assessed value attributable to renovations of property within the district that creates live-work space or space for the arts and entertainment enterprises for a period not to exceed 10 years.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2023.

BY ORDER: I hereby certify that Resolution Number 2-23 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, MD.

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN:

ATTEST/WITNESS:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

J. Maguire Mattingly, IV, Council Member

Nick Colvin, Council Member

Heather M. Earhart, Council Member

Christy Hollander, Council Member

Mary Maday Slade, Council Member