BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

ORDINANCE: 2014-03
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
DATE INTRODUCED: December 9, 2014
DATE ENACTED: January 13, 2015

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND CHANGING A PORTION OF PRATT STREET TO SERVE AS A ONE-WAY STREET TRAVELING EAST FROM MAIN STREET TO JUDGE'S DRIVE.

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro by various residents and property owners with regard to a portion of Pratt Street, a public way under the jurisdiction of the Town, to be established as a one-way street with existing metered parking along the current eastbound travel lane such that traffic would be allowed to proceed only one-way in an easterly direction from the western-most intersection or terminus of said street at Main Street (MD 725) proceeding approximately 210 lineal ft. to the intersection of Judge's Drive consisting of a Y-intersection located at 5310 Judge's Drive (Parcel 40); and

WHEREAS, currently traffic approaching Pratt Street from the south along Judge's Drive, a roadway under the jurisdiction of Prince George's County, travelling north enjoys the option of either merging and flowing with current east-bound traffic along Pratt Street by proceeding to the right using said Y-intersection or by stopping at said intersection and turning left to proceed west along Pratt Street; and

WHEREAS, in order to coordinate traffic patterns and ensure the safety of the travelling public, the proposed change making the referenced portion of Pratt Street a one-way street will necessitate cooperation with the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation whereby the double yellow lines on Judge's Drive where it approaches current left-turn lane of Pratt Street and other similar markings thereby currently allowing said left turn of traffic will need to be eliminated or reconfigured by removing or shifting said lines to the east several feet such that said lines will tangentially meet the right or eastern side of the traffic island situated within the top of said Y-intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, Section 82-63 states that the Town of Upper Marlboro (the "Town") shall have control of all public ways in the Town except such as may be under the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Roads Commission or the County Commissioners for Prince George's County and subject to the laws of the State of Maryland and said Charter, the Town may do whatever it deems necessary to establish, operate, and maintain in good condition the public ways of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law found in § 25-102(a)(4) of the Transp. Art. of Md. Ann. Code expressly do not prevent a local authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising certain powers as to highways under its jurisdiction including designating

particular highways or separate roadways as one-way highways and requiring that all vehicles on them move in one specified direction; and

WHEREAS, said § 25-102 further states that an ordinance or regulation adopted under said item (4) of subsection (a) of said section is not effective until a traffic control device giving notice of the local traffic regulations is placed on or at the entrances to the highway or its affected part; and

WHEREAS, the Town 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; and

WHEREAS, said 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ord. 76-1 (Art. II, Sec. 1-4) the Board of Commissioners, by adoption of said ordinance and by amendments thereto, shall determine the necessity for and have the authority to designate stop and yield intersections, to designate one-way streets, to restrict and regulate turning movements, to restrict and regulate stopping, standing or parking, and to regulate the speed of vehicles on any street; provided, however that the President of the Board may order temporary control or regulation of vehicular movement and parking in the event of an emergency situation, or to accommodate street repairs, parades or other special events, whenever such actions are deemed necessary for the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Commissioners has received recommendations from the Police Department and other experts concurring that a portion of Pratt Street should be a one-way street with parking allowing traffic to flow in an easterly direction.

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

Section 1. That as of April 6th, 2015 Pratt Street lying between Main Street on the west and Judge's Drive on the east shall hereafter be a one-way street.

Section 2. That traffic shall be permitted to flow only in an easterly direction from Main Street to Judge's Drive.

Section 3. That a stop sign shall be installed by the Town at the intersection of Pratt Street with Judge's Drive, as well as any other appropriate traffic control devices deemed prudent to deter west-bound traffic from proceeding further west than Judge's Drive and permitting only left-hand turns onto said Drive.

Section 4. That "Do not enter" signs shall be installed by the Town on Pratt Street at the intersection of Judge's Drive thereby warning west-bound traffic.

Section 5. That a plan of signage location and any necessary pavement markings shall conform to the current edition of the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and shall be provided by the Town in coordination with the County and that the cost of such signage and markings shall be borne by the Town regarding the municipal right-of-way and with respect to the procurement of and installation of signs in accordance with said plan; and

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that any ordinances inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland that this Ordinance become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval of the Board of Commissioners.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland that pursuant to the Town Charter this Ordinance shall be posted in the Town office and a fair summary of it shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.

AYES: 2 NAYES: Ø ABSENT: 1

INTRODUCED and read in a public session of the Board of Commissioners on this 9th day of December, 2014.

Town Clerk

ORDAINED, APPROVED AND finally passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland on this 13th day of January, 2015, by:

Attest:

THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF UPPER MARLBORO
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
MARYLAND
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M. David Williams, Town Clerk

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