



**Town Council Workshop/ Closed Session**  
**July 27, 2020**  
**Agenda**

6:30pm – Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

PROCLAMATION – Tommy Scott

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Cecil Solidarity
- Community Safety
  - Speeding on George St
  - Intoxicated Patrons

Public Comment

Mayor and Council Comments

SPECIAL SESSION INTO A CLOSED SESSION

Introduce Ordinance 2020.005 an ordinance for the consumption of alcohol on Bohemia Avenue north of 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

CLOSED SESSION –To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice

Adjourn



# *Town of Chesapeake City*

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Mr. Tommy Scott,  
205 George Street  
Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Dear Mr. Scott,

On behalf of the Town of Chesapeake City, congratulations on your retirement from Cecil County Public Schools after 38 years of devoted service!

As you mark this milestone, we want to take the opportunity to recognize your importance to Chesapeake City and the surrounding community. During your two years at Bohemia Manor High School and thirty-six years at Chesapeake City Elementary School, you impacted countless families in a positive way, and in many cases, multiple generations of those families. It is rare for anyone to make such a significant difference in their hometown. As representatives of the Town, we would like to express our deep appreciation for your exemplary service.

We trust that you and your family will continue to enjoy this celebratory occasion and look back with fondness on your exceptional career.

Again, congratulations and thank you!

Sincerely,

Rich Taylor, Mayor

Frank Vari, Councilman

Frank Hill, Councilman

Randy McLennan, Councilman

Lee Adams, Councilman

Ed O'Hara, Councilman



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6/13/2020

Town Council of Chesapeake City  
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To Rich Taylor and members of the Town Council;  
(I would also like to address the very part time police presence, but not sure how)

I have resided at 405 George St for a little over two years; In that 2 years I didn't think it was possible that we'd experience a worse speeding problem than when we resided at 257 E Main St in Elkton. In fact, it is worse! In Elkton we had around 60 feet between us and the road, so at least there was some buffer. Here in Chesapeake City we are located around 16 feet from the road.

From my observations, this part of George St is one of the busiest entryways/ exits in S Chesapeake City. I live one house away from the intersection of George St and 4th St, and interestingly this is one of, **if not the only**, intersections that does *not* have 4-way stop signs.

I invite you all to come sit on my porch any Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and in fact – ANY day – so you can observe the people who drive through this part of town, either into or out of at speeds approaching at least twice the speed limit or over. If it's late on a weekend, many of them are alcohol impaired.

I actually want to applaud when any passing car is doing anywhere close to 25 miles per hour. In a historic town with such narrow streets, it is nothing short of dangerous and certainly disruptive to drive over 25 MPH.

I am hoping that you would consider asking the state, since this part of George St is a state road, to :

- 1) install stop signs at the intersection of 4th & George Streets.
- 2) consider installing at the least – rumble strips, or at best speed bumps

Thank you for your consideration

Karen Webster

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE CITY**

**ORDINANCE 2020-005**

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON BOHEMIA AVENUE, NORTH OF FIRST STREET AND AROUND THE REES WHARF ROAD LOOP ON THE DAY OF THE “BARKTOBERFEST” EVENT.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers granted unto the Town of Chesapeake City under the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Charter of the Town of Chesapeake City, the Mayor and Council have the authority to adopt ordinances, including emergency ordinances, and regulations to preserve peace and good order within the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is unlawful to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages upon the public property, roads and highways of the Town of Chesapeake City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Barktoberfest Vendors have obtained the appropriate liquor license for the sale of alcohol on Bohemia Avenue, north of First Street and/or their establishments during its Barktoberfest on September 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to enact this Ordinance for the purpose of permitting the possession and consumption of alcohol within the area known as Bohemia Avenue, north of First Street and around the Rees Wharf Road Loop ( as depicted on the map attached hereto) during the hours of the Barktoberfest Event on September 12, 2020, without any amendments of changes to the general laws which prohibit the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages upon any other public property, roads and highways of the Town of Chesapeake City; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chesapeake City as follows:

That the vendors of the Barktoberfest Event shall be permitted to sell alcohol on Bohemia Avenue, north of First Street and around the Rees Wharf Road Loop, and individuals of lawful age shall be permitted to purchase, possess and consume alcohol during the hours of the Barktoberfest Event on September 12, 2020 or any such day in 2020 the Barktoberfest Event is held in the event of inclement weather or other cause for postponement of the date of the Barktoberfest Event, in the area known as Bohemia Avenue, north of First Street and around the Rees Wharf Road Loop (map attached) so long as all appropriate and required licenses and approvals are obtained from the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners and any other State or County governmental authority for such sale, and all requirements of such licenses are followed.

It shall be unlawful for the “Barktoberfest Event Coordinator and its participants and vendors” to sell; and for individuals to purchase, possess and/or consume any alcoholic beverage upon the

public property, roads and highways, outside of the mapped area, of the Town of Chesapeake City. A violation of this Ordinance shall be a "Municipal Infraction" punishable by a fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each instance shall constitute a separate offense.

This Ordinance having been introduced on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, we hereby affix our signatures. Effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in at least one newspaper having general circulation within the Town of Chesapeake City.

**By Authority of the Mayor and Town Council of  
the Town of Chesapeake City, MD:**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Walls, Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Taylor, III, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Introduced

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Adopted

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nayes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Absent/Abstain

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas N. Yeager,  
Attorney, Town of Chesapeake City

## Ordinance 2020-05



\* locations for signs limiting the consumption of alcohol