CITY OF SALISBURY ORDINANCE NO. 2145 AS AMENDED ON APRIL 11, 2011

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Salisbury to amend Section 15.24 *Method of Service* of the Salisbury Municipal Code to recommend that the owner of a vacant building whom is not domiciled in Wicomico County be required to have a local designated agent who is a permanent resident of Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset or Dorchester County.

WHEREAS, the ongoing application, administration and enforcement of the Salisbury Municipal Code, demonstrates a need for periodic review, evaluation and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Municipal Code Section 15.24 currently does not contain a section requiring the owner(s) of a vacant building, who is not domiciled in Wicomico County, to have a local designated agent who is a permanent resident of Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset or Dorchester County.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Salisbury, Maryland wish to amend the Salisbury Municipal Code to establish the appropriate authorities having jurisdiction over such matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Council of the City of Salisbury, that Section 15.24.200 of the Salisbury Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

15.24.200 Method of Service

F. If the owner of a vacant building is not domiciled in Wicomico County, Maryland, the owner must have a designated agent for service of notice of violation and process by the city, who is a permanent resident of Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset or

Dorchester County, Maryland. The agent shall not be a tenant of the owner. The agent must be an individual who is designated in the owner license application form with the city. If such agent shall resign, fail to be qualified to serve as the agent, or cease to serve in that capacity, then the legal entity shall designate another individual as the agent on the owner license application form within thirty (30) days thereafter.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that the Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 14th day of March, 2011 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council on the 11th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Colegrove, City Clerk

Louise Smith,

President of the Council of the City

of Salisbury

Approved by me, this 12

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James Ireton, Jr.,

Mayor of the City of Salisbury

Neighborhood Services & Code Compliance

Memo

To: John R. Pick, City Administrator

From: M. Thomas Stevenson, Director NSCC

Date: March 2, 2011

Re: Ordinance Change – Section 15.24 Method of Service

Attached you will find an ordinance which will have the effect of changing Section 15.24 of the Salisbury Municipal Code *Method of Service*. This change will require that the owner of a vacant building who is not domiciled in Wicomico County provide a locally designated agent who is a permanent resident of Wicomico County. This change will allow the department of Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance (NSCC) the ability to serve summons as may be needed from time to time.

Unless you or the Mayor has further questions, please forward this memo to the City Council.