## **ORDINANCE NO. 2956**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SALISBURY CITY CODE, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION," TO ADD THE ADOPTION OF AND REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

WHEREAS, the ongoing application, administration, and enforcement of the City of Salisbury Municipal Code (the "Salisbury City Code") demonstrates a need for its periodic review, evaluation, and amendment to comply with present community standards and values and promote public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Salisbury (the "City");

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury (the "Mayor and Council") are authorized by MD Code, Local Government, § 5-202 to adopt such ordinances, not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, public general law or public local law, as the Mayor and Council deem necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to preserve peace and order, to secure persons and property from damage and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the City;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may amend Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Salisbury City Code pursuant to the authority granted in § SC 2-15 of the Salisbury City Charter;

WHEREAS, the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) is designed to establish standards for the maintenance of existing buildings and properties to ensure their safety, livability, and overall quality;

**WHEREAS**, the IPMC is a critical tool for local governments to adopt in their municipal codes and provides the City's Code Enforcement team a concise guide of regulations that reference existing codes and standards already adopted by the City;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City will be furthered by amending Title 15 of the Salisbury City Code to make these changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that the amendments to Title 15 of the Salisbury City Code shall be adopted as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that Title 15 of the Salisbury City Code is hereby amended by adding the bolded and underlined language and deleting the strikethrough language as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Title 15 of the Salisbury City Code of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Buildings and Construction" is amended as follows:

## 15.04.010 Adoption of Standard Codes.

The City of Salisbury adopts the following Standard Codes:

- A. Maryland Building Performance Standard Regulations;
- B. International Mechanical Code (2021)(IMC);
- C. International Plumbing Code (2021) (IPC);

- D. International Fuel Gas Code (2021) (IFGC);
- E. International Existing Building Code (2021)(IEBC);
- F. Maryland Accessibility Code;
- G. International Green Construction Code, (2021) (IGCC); and
- H. International Solar Energy Provisions (ISEP) (2021); and
- International Property Maintenance Code (2021) (IPMC).

## 15.04.040 Referenced Standards.

A. Where the following codes are referenced within this code, they shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference:

- 1. International Building Code (2021) (IBC);
- 2. International Residential Code (2021) (IRC);
- 3. International Energy Conservation Code (2021) (IECC);
- 4. International Mechanical Code (2021) (IMC);
- 5. International Plumbing Code (2021) (IPC);
- 6. International Fuel Gas Code (2021) (IFGC);
- 7. International Existing Building Code (2021) (IEBC);
- 8. Maryland Accessibility Code;
- 9. National Electrical Code (2017); and
- 10. International Green Construction Code (2021) (IGCC): and
- 11. International Property Maintenance Code (2021) (IPMC).

## BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

<u>Section 2</u>. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

<u>Section 4</u>. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 22 day of September, 2025 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 of the City of Salisbury on the 6 day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:  Julie A. English, City Clerk  D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President
Approved by me, this 10 day of October , 2025.  Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor