

RESOLUTION NO. 1427

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
ENDORING A LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES IN
THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO ENACT A DEVELOPMENTAL EXCISE TAX

WHEREAS, municipalities in the State of Maryland have only one option, the development impact fee, to raise additional funds from new development to offset the costs generated by such new development; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of development impact fees must be very narrowly targeted to projects in which there is a demonstrable "rational nexus" between the development that paid the fee and the impact that the project is supposed to address; and

WHEREAS, because of this limitation, some of the impacts of growth and development may not be able to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, several counties in Maryland have been granted the authority by the General Assembly to enact a development excise tax that is another alternative to raise funds from development to offset the costs of development but that does not have the limitations on its use as is the case with impact fees; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Maryland do not have the authority to enact a development excise tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council endorses the attached Legislative Action Request, which asks that the Maryland Municipal League add to its legislative priority list for the 2007 General Assembly support for legislative to authorize municipalities to enact a development excise tax.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on ____ day of _____, 2006 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Colegrove
CITY CLERK

Michael P. Dunn
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Barrie P. Tilghman
MAYOR, City of Salisbury