

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2003 Legislative Session**

Bill No. 2003-10

Chapter. No. 276 - Streets, Roads, Sidewalks

Introduced by Charles County Commissioners

Date of Introduction 09 / 23 / 03

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Access Management for County Roadways**

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4 FOR the purpose of

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6 Restructuring the language of the Charles County Road Ordinance to conform to current  
7 County standards and accommodate all County roads.

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9 BY repealing:

10 Chapter 276 - Streets, Roads, Sidewalks

11 Section 3.13

12 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*

13 (1994 Edition, 2000 Supplement)

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15 BY adding to:

16 Chapter 276 - Streets, Roads, Sidewalks

17 Section 3.13

18 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*

19 (1994 Edition, 2000 Supplement)

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2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments:

3 Chapter 276 - Streets, Roads, Sidewalks

4 Appendix "F"

5 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*

6 (1994 Edition, 2000 Supplement)

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8 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES  
9 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:

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11 CHAPTER 276

12 STREETS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS

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14 3.13 ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOR COUNTY ROADWAYS

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16 A. POLICY IN GENERAL

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18 THE ACCESS MANAGEMENT POLICY DEFINES LOCATIONS FOR  
19 FUTURE MEDIAN OPENINGS AND ACCESS POINTS FOR CERTAIN  
20 ROADS WITHIN THE COUNTY. AS RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS,  
21 INDUSTRIAL, AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS DEVELOP OR RE-  
22 DEVELOP LAND ADJACENT TO THE ACCESS MANAGED ROADS,  
23 THERE IS AN INTEREST IN HOW THESE PROPERTIES GAIN ACCESS TO  
24 THE ROAD. WHERE APPLICABLE, PROPERTIES THAT DEVELOP OR RE-  
25 DEVELOP ALONG AN ACCESS MANAGED ROADWAY WILL BE  
26 REQUIRED TO CONSOLIDATE ACCESS POINTS TO BOTH THE  
27 PROPERTY ITSELF AND THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES. MINIMIZING  
28 ACCESS POINTS WILL INCREASE SAFETY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE OF  
29 THE ROADWAY.  
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2 B. LOCATING MEDIAN OPENINGS AND ACCESS POINTS  
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4 MEDIAN OPENINGS, INTERSECTIONS, AND PROPERTY ACCESS POINTS  
5 WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
6 FOR DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADWAYS. THE TABLES IN APPENDIX F  
7 DESIGNATE MEDIAN OPENINGS AND ACCESS POINTS FOR SELECT  
8 ROADWAYS BY LOCATION OR DISTANCE FROM A KNOWN POINT.  
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10 1. ACCESS POINTS WILL BE ONE OF TWO TYPES: AN  
11 INTERSECTION (MEDIAN BREAK), OR RIGHT-IN/RIGHT-OUT (NO  
12 MEDIAN BREAK).  
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14 (a) INTERSECTION (MEDIAN BREAK). THE INTERSECTION  
15 SHALL CONSIST OF A MEDIAN BREAK, TO ALLOW  
16 TRAFFIC TO ENTER AND EXIT A ROADWAY FROM AN  
17 ADJOINING OR ADJACENT ROADWAY. ACCESS POINTS  
18 WHICH LINE UP WITH THE MEDIAN OPENINGS MAY BE  
19 EITHER PUBLIC ROADS OR PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS.  
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21 (b) RIGHT-IN/RIGHT-OUT (NO MEDIAN BREAK). RIGHT-IN/  
22 RIGHT-OUT ACCESS POINTS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
23 AREAS THAT ARE LESS THAN 1320 FEET FROM THE  
24 NEAREST INTERSECTION OR TO AN ADJOINING  
25 ROADWAY OF A LOW TRAFFIC VOLUME. A MINIMUM  
26 SEPARATION OF 750 FEET FROM ADJACENT ACCESS  
27 POINTS IS USED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.  
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1 INDICATES THAT THE SUBJECT LOCATION IS  
2 DETERMINED TO HAVE RIGHT-IN/RIGHT-OUT ACCESS  
3 ONLY.  
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5 3. INTER-PARCEL CONNECTIONS.  
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7 DEVELOPERS SHALL PROVIDE INTER-PARCEL CONNECTIONS  
8 TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES WHERE THEY WOULD PROVIDE  
9 ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO THE PROPERTIES AND SERVE TO  
10 MINIMIZE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE ACCESS MANAGED  
11 ROADWAY.  
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13 4. ACCESS POINT ADJUSTMENTS.  
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15 ALL LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO  
16 ADJUSTMENT BASED ON ENGINEERING. THE ADJUSTMENT OF  
17 AN ACCESS POINT LOCATION UP TO 25 LINEAR FEET MAY BE  
18 APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER. AN ACCESS POINT  
19 ADJUSTMENT GREATER THAN 25 LINEAR FEET WILL REQUIRE  
20 A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION C. OF THIS CHAPTER.  
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22 C. ADDITION TO OR MODIFICATION OF ACCESS MANAGEMENT TABLES  
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24 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS THE CHIEF  
25 EXECUTIVE BODY OF THE CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ARE  
26 HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADD TO OR MODIFY APPENDIX "F" OF THE  
27 CHARLES COUNTY ROAD ORDINANCE: "ACCESS MANAGEMENT  
28 TABLES," FROM TIME TO TIME, AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, IN  
29 ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY  
30 COMMISSIONERS.

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2 APPENDIX "F"

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4 ACCESS MANAGEMENT TABLES

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6 THE FOLLOWING TABLES DESIGNATE ACCESS POINT LOCATIONS FOR EXISTING  
7 AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THE LOCATION OF ACCESS POINTS ARE  
8 DESIGNATED BY "STATION" FROM THE DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE  
9 SUBJECT ROADWAY SEGMENT. INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE  
10 "COMMENTS" COLUMN TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE ASSOCIATED  
11 ACCESS POINT. THE TABLE ILLUSTRATES WHETHER THE ACCESS POINT IS  
12 DESIGNATED AS A RIGHT-IN/RIGHT-OUT OR A MEDIAN BREAK.

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14 ACCESS TABLES

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16 TABLE F.1 CROSS COUNTY CONNECTOR - FROM US 301 TO ST. CHARLES  
17 PARKWAY *(DESIGNED AS A FOUR-LANE ARTERIAL ROADWAY)*

18 TABLE F.2 CROSS COUNTY CONNECTOR - FROM ST. CHARLES PARKWAY TO  
19 PINEY CHURCH ROAD *(DESIGNED AS A FOUR-LANE ARTERIAL*  
20 *ROADWAY)*

21 TABLE F.3 CROSS COUNTY CONNECTOR - FROM PINEY CHURCH ROAD TO MD 5  
22 *(DESIGNED AS A FOUR-LANE ARTERIAL ROADWAY)*

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25 Amended Tables F.1, F.2 and F.3 in Appendix F, Access Management Tables are incorporated  
26 herein.

