



**ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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**APPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOLID WASTE/ESW FEE(S)**

Office Located at: 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I respectfully request the removal of Environmental and Solid Waste/ESW fee(s) from my real estate parcel because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Owner's Signature Date

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Approved: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ SDAT Verification date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, Sec. 223-36 – Appeals.**

**Requests for appeals**

Written requests for appeal of the Environmental and Solid Waste Service Fee shall be made to the office of the County Treasurer and must be received or postmarked on or before December 31 of the year in which the fee is due.

**General appeal requirements**

- A. Written requests for appeal may be submitted by the property owner or their duly authorized representative.
- B. The burden is on the property owner to provide evidence demonstrating that the property qualifies for a reduction in the Environmental and Solid Waste Service Fee.
- C. This article requires that the property owner pay the Environmental and Solid Waste Service Fee pending disposition of the appeal.

**Appeal procedures and criteria**

Appeals shall not be based upon the value of the property, and may be granted, in whole or in part, only under the circumstances as described below.

- A. Administrative or clerical errors may be the basis of an appeal.
- B. Misclassification of the residential property for purpose of calculating the charge as of January 2 of the year in which the fee is due; i.e., the number of dwelling units is inaccurate.
- C. A dwelling unit was (1) uninhabitable, or (2) was destroyed or demolished as of January 2 of the year in which the fee is due, and the property owner provides convincing evidence that demonstrates to the County's satisfaction that it is likely that this condition will continue for the entire year.

The Treasurer Office will review the requests for appeal and information regarding the classification of the property from the Department of Assessment and Taxation and shall decide the appeal based on this information. The Treasurer may grant an appeal in full or in part and may deny an appeal. The property owner shall be notified in writing of the decision.