

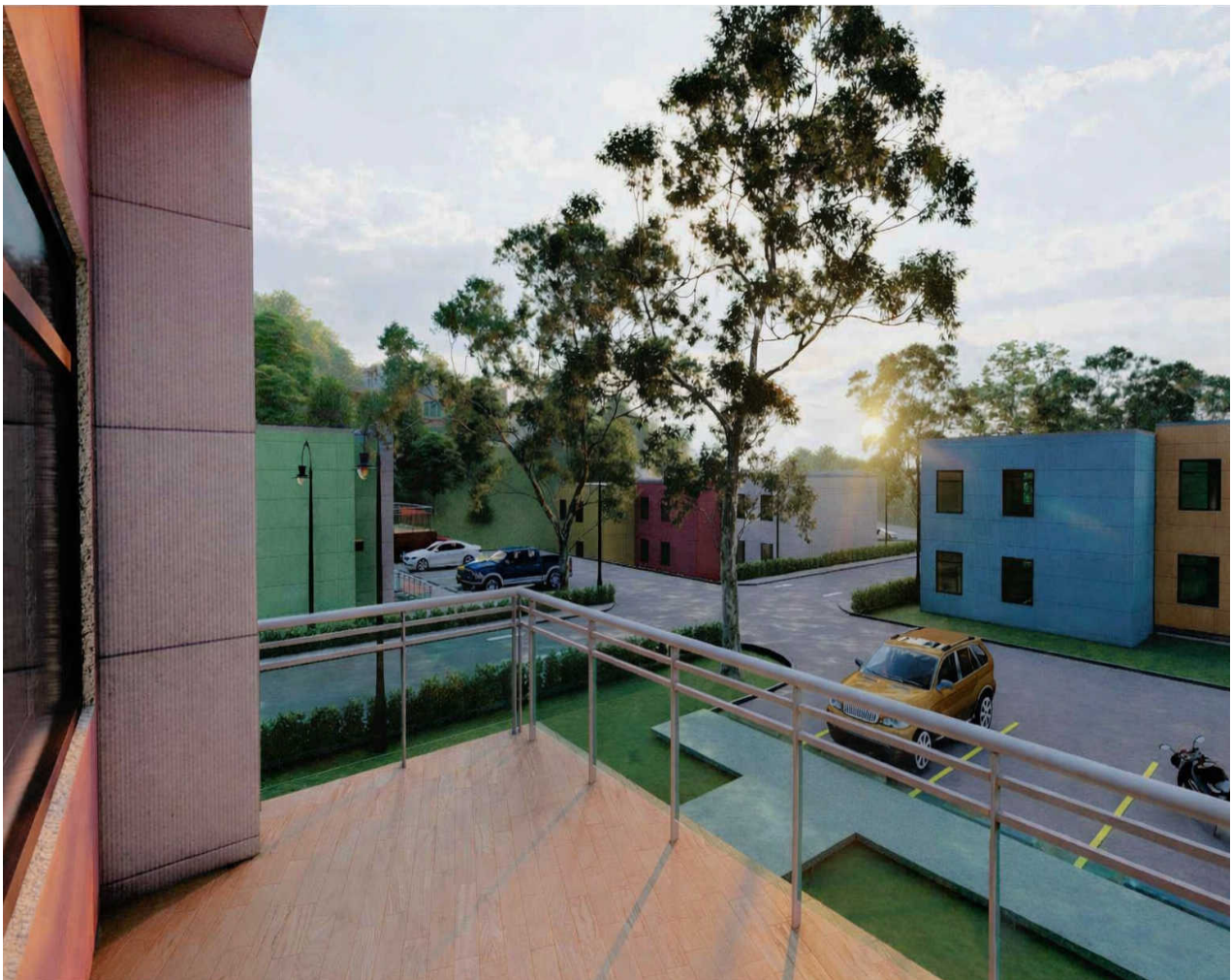
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Bryan Acts on 13 Bills as Tax Amnesty and Beeston Hill Rezoning Lead Slate

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. acted on 13 bills from the Legislature's March 18 session, led by a 15-business day tax amnesty for recovery from Irma, Maria and Ernesto and a Beeston Hill rezoning bill, along with zoning changes, honors and cemetery funding.

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Concept design for the proposed 24 residential townhouses in Beeston Hill. By.
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Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has acted on 13 bills passed by the 36th Legislature during its March 18 Regular Session, with two of the measures centered on post-disaster tax relief

and land use: a 15-business day amnesty for taxpayers and businesses recovering from Hurricanes Irma and Maria and Tropical Storm Ernesto, and a rezoning measure affecting a portion of the Remainder of Estate Beeston Hill.

The governor's actions also included a bill posthumously renaming Hull Bay Road in honor of former Senator Lorraine L. Berry, and a bill appropriating \$200,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for repairs to the Frederiksted Public Cemetery.

Governor Bryan acted on Bill Nos. 36-0084, 36-0198, 36-0199, 36-0200, 36-0204, 36-0209, 36-0219, 36-0220, 36-0235, 36-0261, 36-0267, 36-0269 and 36-0271.

Among the bills approved by the governor was Bill No. 36-0261, which establishes a 15-business day amnesty to assist taxpayers and businesses recovering from the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and Tropical Storm Ernesto by waiving penalties and interest imposed for the non-payment of taxes. Also approved was Bill No. 36-0200, an act rezoning a portion of the Remainder of Estate Beeston Hill.

Governor Bryan also approved Bill No. 36-0209, an act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10 to establish civil penalties for disregarding marine advisories and to create the Territorial Marine Safety Fund. He approved Bill No. 36-0219 as well, amending title 22 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31 relating to the Virgin Islands Producer and Adjuster Licensing Act by modifying renewal provisions for insurance producer licenses.

Also among the measures approved was Bill No. 36-0198, which redesignates the funding source for several entities and amends Act No. 9072 regarding the disposal of intoxicating cannabinoid products.

The governor further approved Bill No. 36-0267, an act rezoning Parcel No. 19-2-111 Estate Smith Bay, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 East End Quarter, St. Thomas, from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density); Bill No. 36-0269, an act granting a zoning use variance to Plot Nos. 24B and 240, Estate Body Slob, King Quarter, St. Croix to allow for a bus and passenger terminal; and Bill No. 36-0271, an act rezoning Plot Nos. 31-B, 32-B, 34-CA, 34-CAA, and 34-CB Strand Street, Christiansted Town, St. Croix, from R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) to B-1 (Business-Secondary/Neighborhood).

Governor Bryan also approved Bill No. 36-0084, an act honoring and commending Alva Alphonse Swan, also known as "Coach Tumba," for his significant contributions to the sport of basketball in the Virgin Islands. He likewise approved Bill No. 36-0220, an act honoring and commending former Senator Lorraine L. Berry posthumously for her decades of outstanding public service by renaming Hull Bay Road, located in North Side, St. Thomas, "Lorraine L. Berry Drive."

In his transmittal letter to Senate President Milton Potter, Governor Bryan thanked the Legislature for its favorable action on the nominations of Willard S. John, Leona E. Smith and Celestino A. White, Sr. to the Governing Board of the V.I. Port Authority, and Joseph Donohoo to the V.I. Board of Contractors, Trades and Crafts.

