



# Resolution

20-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND AMENDING THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article, Section 9-1714, Queen Anne's County is required to mandate recycling in any office building containing 150,000 square feet or greater of office space;

AND WHEREAS, after publication of Notice of the same, a public hearing was held on July 14, 2020 with regard to this proposed amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND this 11 day of August, 2020, as follows:

That a new Section entitled "Office Building Recycling Plan" be added to Chapter III of the Queen Anne's County Solid Waste Plan to read as follows:

## Office Building Recycling Plan

### A. Collection and Marketing

In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 370, Environment-Recycling-Office Building, requiring the collection of recyclable materials from office buildings that have 150,000 square feet or greater of office space. Per Section 9-1714 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, each owner of the participating office building must provide, by October 1, 2021, recycling receptacles for the collection of paper and cardboard, metals and plastic materials and for the removal for further recycling of recyclable materials deposited into the recycling receptacles.

### B. Stakeholders

Stakeholders include the owners and tenants of applicable office buildings.

### C. Participants

At the time of the implementation of this requirement, no applicable properties were identified.

### D. Schedule of Implementation

If at any time a 150,000 square foot office building is built in Queen Anne's County, Economic Development will advise the owner and/or tenants of the Office Building Recycling Law. Recycling will be required as soon as the building has a tenant.

### E. Program Monitoring

Monitoring of recyclable materials bins will be carried out by office building owners and/or tenants.

Queen Anne's County may require the office building owner and/or tenant to report to the County metrics associated with the office building recycling program.

F. Enforcement

The County is not required to manage or enforce the recycling activities of an office building located within the boundaries of one of its municipalities; however, an enforcement agent of the County or municipality may conduct inspections in order to enforce this program.

The County Solid Waste Division will notify the office building owners of the implementation requirements in accordance with Section 9-1714 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The County Attorney's Office will determine if a County should enforce the law and what level of enforcement actions should be used.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland the day and year above written.

ATTEST:



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