

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08-10

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Application of Fertilizer in the Critical Area Buffer.

FOR THE PURPOSE of prohibiting the application of commercial or chemical fertilizer within the Critical Area Buffer in Queen Anne's County in excess of certain guidelines.

BY ADDING Section 14:1-55 to the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Section 14:1-55 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County be and is hereby adopted to read as follows:

§14:1-55. Other Activities.

A. The use or application of commercial and chemical fertilizer in the Buffer in excess of the guidelines and recommendations of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension service as to fertilizer application is prohibited.

B. This Section shall not apply to bonafide agricultural or farm operations.

C. Any violation of this Section shall be considered as a land disturbance within the Critical Area and shall be punishable as provided in Section 14:1-100 C. (6) of this Chapter.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that upon introduction this Bill be referred to the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission for their report and recommendation as provided in Article XIV of Chapter 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its enactment.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Ransom

CO-SPONSORED: Commissioner Gunther and Wargotz

DATE: April 8, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: July 28, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: July 28, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 12, 2009