

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08-17

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Establishment of the Recordation Tax Rate for Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

FOR THE PURPOSE of establishing the recordation tax rate authorized by Section 12-103 of the Tax-Property article of the Annotated Code of Maryland at \$4.95 per \$500.00 or fraction of \$500.00 of consideration payable or of the principal amount of debt secured for an instrument of writing.

BY REPEALING AND REENACTING Section 5-5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, with amendments.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 5-5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County be and is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

§5-5. Recordation Tax.

A. In general.

(1) The recordation tax imposed under Title 12 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be \$4.95 for each \$500.00 or fraction of \$500.00 of consideration payable or of the principal amount of the debt secured for an instrument of writing in Queen Anne's County. The consideration includes the amount of any mortgage or trust assumed by the grantee.

(2) The words and terms used in this Section shall have meaning and application as set forth in Title 12 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its passage or September 1, 2008, whichever is later.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Fordonski

DATE: July 22, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: August 5, 2008 @ 6:35 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: August 5, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2008

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

**Legislation No:** 0-08-17                      **Hearing Date:** 8-05-08  
**Date Introduced:** 7-22-08                      **Note Date:** 7-31-08

**Legislation Title:** Establishment of Recordation Tax Rate in Queen Anne's County.

**Description:**

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the Recordation Tax rate from the current rate of \$3.30 per \$500.00 of consideration payable to a new rate of \$4.95 per \$500.00 on consideration payable.

**Analysis of Fiscal Impact:**

Recordation tax revenue is difficult to project, as it is based on number of transactions and property values. However, based on the gross recordation tax receipts for FY 2008, the rate increase of \$1.65 per \$500.00 of consideration would result in an increase in recordation tax revenue of approximately \$1,845,000 per fiscal year.