

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 07-15

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Citizen Proposed Text and Map Amendments to the Queen Anne's County Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland).

FOR THE PURPOSE of allowing citizen petitions for text or zoning map amendments to Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws only during the first ten (10) days of February.

BY AMENDING Section 18:1-218 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 18:1-218 of the Code of Public Local Laws be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXIX

Amendments

18:1-218. Proposal of amendment.

A. Proposal.

(1) A proposal for a text amendment, other than an amendment to the Subdivision Regulations, may be initiated by:

(a) Resolution of the County Commissioners;

(b) Resolution of the Planning Commission; or

(c) Petition of a property owner or property owners acting as a private citizens' group filed with the County Commissioners.

(2) A proposal to amend the Subdivision Regulations may be initiated only by the Planning Commission.

(3) A proposal for a map amendment may be initiated by:

(a) Resolution of the County Commissioners;

(b) Resolution of the Planning Commission; or

(c) Petition of the subject property owner filed with the County Commissioners.

- B. Required referral. Any proposed amendment that is not initiated by the Planning Commission shall be referred to the Planning Commission for investigation and recommendation.*
- C. Filing requirements for petitions for text amendments and map amendments. Any amendment to this Chapter 18, including the Zoning Maps, that is proposed by a subject property owner, a property owner or a group of property owners acting as a private citizens' group shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk to the County Commissioners, for consideration by the County Commissioners, only during the first ~~five~~ ten (10) business days in the month of February ~~and the first five business days in the month of August~~ of each calendar year. Map amendment and text amendment petitions will not be accepted by the Clerk to the County Commissioners at any other time during the year.*

SECTION II

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

SPONSORED BY: Commissioner Wargotz

CO-SPONSORED BY: N/A

DATE INTRODUCED: May 8, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: May 29, 2007 @ 6:45 p.m.

VOTE: 4 YEA 1 NAY

DATE OF ADOPTION: June 12, 2007

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2007

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Legislation No: O-07-15 **Hearing Date:** 5-29-07
Date Introduced: 5-8-07 **Note Date:** 5-23-07

Legislation Title: Citizen Proposed Text and Map Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Description:

The purpose of this legislation is to allow citizen petitions for text or zoning map amendments during the first ten days of February only.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact:

This legislation would produce a small savings in advertising costs, wherein the advertisements for text amendments would only have to be placed once per year, rather than twice.