

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 07-19

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Procedures Governing Citizen-sponsored Amendments to the Queen Anne's County Zoning Ordinance;

FOR THE PURPOSE of providing that petitions for text amendments and map amendments initiated by a property owner which have received an unfavorable recommendation from the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission may be rejected by the County Commissioners without a hearing by a vote of at least two thirds of the total membership of the Board of County Commissioners and providing that all such proposed amendments receive a public hearing before the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission.

BY AMENDING Section 18:1-220 B. and Section 18:1-221 A. (1) 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 18:1-220 B. of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland be amended to read as follows:

§18:1-220. Action by Planning Commission.

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B. Hearing. Before making any recommendation with respect to an amendment initiated under §18:1-218 A. (1) (c) or (3) (c) of this Chapter, an amendment involving comprehensive rezoning or an amendment of the Subdivision Regulations, the Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 18:1-221 A. (1) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland be amended to read as follows:

§18:1-221. Consideration by County Commissioners.

A. Hearing.

(1) After receipt of the recommendations of the

Planning Commission, the County Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing with respect to the proposed amendment, providing however, the County Commissioners may without a public hearing reject any citizen initiated amendment which has received an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission by a vote of at least two thirds of the total membership of the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this proposed Bill be forwarded to the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission for its review and recommendation under Section 18:1-220 of the Code of Public Local Laws.

SECTION IV

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

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Wargotz

DATE: June 12, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: _____

VOTE: _____ Yea _____ Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Legislation No: 0-07-19 **Hearing Date:** not yet set
Date Introduced: 6-12-07 **Note Date:** 6-20-07

Legislation Title: Procedures Governing Citizen-sponsored
Amendments to the Queen Anne's County Zoning Ordinance

Description:

The purpose of this legislation is to provide that petitions for text amendments and map amendments initiated by a property owner that have received an unfavorable recommendation from the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission, may be rejected by the County Commissioners.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact:

This legislation would produce a savings in advertising costs resulting from the elimination of the need to advertise for public hearings for text amendments that receive an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.