

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 06-12

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Amendments to the Queen Anne's County Ethics Ordinance, Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of amending the definition of "Family Member" in the County Ethics Ordinance to conform to the Maryland Public Ethics Law and to clarify the provisions of the County Ethics Ordinance regarding exemptions under Section 8-15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County;

BY Repealing and readopting Sections 8-11(e) and 8-15 of the Code of Public Local Laws with amendments.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 8-11(e) of the Code of Public Local Laws at Queen Anne's County be and is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(e) Family Member: The parents, children, step-children, siblings and the spouse of any official or employee.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Section 8-15 of the Code of Public Local Laws be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

'8-15. Exemptions; modifications.

The Commission may grant exemptions and modifications to the requirements of '8-11, 8-12, and 8-13 of this chapter if the Commission determines that applying the provisions would:

- A. Constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy;
- B. Significantly reduce the availability of qualified

persons for public services; and

C. Not be required to preserve the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION III

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

INTRODUCTION BY REQUEST: Gene Ransom

DATE: June 6, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: July 25, 2006 @7:15 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: September 5, 2006