

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 06-24

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the definitions of Lobbying and Lobbyist under the Queen Anne s County Ethics Ordinance, Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne s County, Maryland;

FOR THE PURPOSE of clarifying the definition of Lobbyist and Lobbying under the Queen Anne s County Ethics Ordinance by deleting the definitions of Executive Action and Legislative Action and applying the lobbying requirements to all persons who seek to influence the performance of official duties by any County Employee;

BY AMENDING Section 8-6 of the Code of Public Local Laws.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 8-6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne s County be amended as follows:

A. The definitions of Executive Action and Legislative Action be and are hereby deleted from Section 8-6, and

B. The definitions of Lobbying and Lobbyist are amended as follows:

LOBBYING Communicating with any official or employee, for for the purpose of influencing that person in performance of his or her official duties, by a person required to register pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-14, Lobbying disclosure , of this article. Lobbying does not include:

A. Drafting bills; or

B. Advising and rendering opinions to clients as to the construction and effect of proposed or pending legislative or executive actions; or

C. Actions of a publisher or working member of the press (including radio and television) in the ordinary course of disseminating news or making editorial comment; or

- D. Communication from a bona fide religious organization solely for the purpose of protecting the right of its own members to practice the doctrine of the organization; or
- E. Communication as a witness at specific invitation or request of an official, employee or registered lobbyist; or
- F. Communication by any public official or employee as part of his/her official duties.

LOBBYIST Any person lobbying, as defined above, if such person:

- A. Spends or intends to spend \$100 or more on food, entertainment, services, or gifts for officials or employees or their spouses, or dependent children during a calendar year; or
- B. Is compensated \$500 or more in a calendar year for lobbying; or
- C. Spends \$500 or more in a calendar year to compensate another person or persons for lobbying to influence an official or employee in the performance of his or her official duties;
- D. Spends at least \$2,000 or more in a calendar year for salaries, contractual employees, postage, telecommunications services, electronic services (including the creation and/or maintenance of an Internet Web site), advertising, printing, and delivery service for the express purpose of soliciting others to communicate with an employee or official to influence that person in performance of his or her official duties.

## SECTION II

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

INTRODUCED BY: Mike Koval

DATE: September 5, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: September 26, 2006 @ 8:00 pm

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 17, 2006

DATE EFFECTIVE: December 2, 2006