

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 05-06

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Permitting of Circuses and Carnivals in Queen Anne's County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of prohibiting circuses and carnivals in Queen Anne's County unless the operator thereof is in possession of a permit issued by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; providing certain regulations and requirements for issuance of a circus or carnival permit and generally dealing with and providing for permits for circuses and carnivals.

BY ADDING a new Section EE to Section 4-12. of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, 1996 Edition.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Section EE. be added to Section 4-12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, 1996 Edition, to read as follows:

'4-12. Express Power.

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EE. Circuses and Carnivals.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Section, the County Commissioners may license and regulate circuses and carnivals and no person shall operate or conduct a circus or carnival in Queen Anne's County without a permit issued by the County Commissioners.

(2) No circus or carnival shall be permitted unless sponsored by and actively promoted, produced, staged or conducted by a bona-fide non-profit organization based in Queen Anne's County.

(3) The County Commissioners may adopt, by Resolution, provisions for permit fees, applications and

rules and regulations regarding the operation, licensing and permitting of circuses and carnivals in Queen Anne's County. Such rules and regulations shall include a requirement that no permit shall be approved until the first due fire department serving the area where the circus or carnival is to be held is notified of the application and given 30 days to comment on any public safety concerns regarding the application.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall be effective on the forty-sixth day following its passage.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Ransom

DATE: March 15, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: April 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: April 19, 2005

Effective: June 4, 2005