

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 05-11

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Addition of Spray Irrigation Facilities to the Definitions of Effluent Disposal and Effluent Disposal Use and Providing Additional Use Regulations for Spray Irrigation Facilities.

FOR THE PURPOSE of regulating spray irrigation facilities utilized in the disposal of wastewater generated by sewage treatment.

BY Amending the definitions of Effluent Disposal and Effluent Disposal Use in Chapter 18 App-1 and Adopting a new Section 18-1-58 D. to Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County (1996 Ed.).

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that the definitions of EFFLUENT DISPOSAL, and EFFLUENT DISPOSAL USE in '18 App-1 be amended to read as follows and that a new Section 18:1-58 K. be added to Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County to read as follows:

EFFLUENT DISPOSAL - The disposal or treatment of sewage, water, or other liquid, either partially or completely treated, or in its natural state, whether generated on-site or off-site; including sewage treatment plants, berm infiltration ponds, spray irrigation facilities and other state and County approved facilities and activities.

EFFLUENT DISPOSAL USE - Sewage treatment plants; community septic fields; berm infiltration ponds; spray irrigation facilities and other state and County approved effluent treatment facilities that dispose of or treat effluent that is generated on - or off-site.

K. Spray Irrigation Facilities

- (1) This section applies only to wastewater generated by sewage treatment and not industrial waste as a result of food processing.
- (2) Spray irrigation facilities are only permitted as a public service use.
- (3) Spray irrigation facilities are not permitted on

properties or portion of properties in the Critical Area.

(4) All lands subject to the application of effluent by spray irrigation shall be in the ownership of the County or the Municipality generating the wastewater.

(5) The property proposed for spray irrigation must be approved by the Sanitary Commission and amended into the Queen Anne's County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan.

(6) The County or the Municipality proposing a spray irrigation facility must obtain required permits from Maryland Department of the Environment and any other appropriate State agency.

(7) Any spray irrigation facility must meet all buffer standards required by Maryland Department of the Environment.

SECTION II

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

INTRODUCED BY: Gene Ransom

DATE: June 7, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: July 12, 2005

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: February 7, 2006