

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 15 - 13

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Public Ways and Sidewalks;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF regulating sidewalks constructed in State or County rights-of-way; providing for the maintenance thereof, including snow removal; providing for the free and unobstructed use of such sidewalks, adopting standards for repair, replacement and maintenance of such sidewalks, authorizing and providing for the assessment of the costs of repair, replacement or maintenance against adjoining property owners and providing for the collection of same in the same manner as County real estate taxes; redesignating Part 5 of Chapter 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws; and generally regulating the use, repair, replacement and maintenance of certain sidewalks in Queen Anne's county, Maryland.

BY ADDING a new Part 5 entitled "Sidewalks" and a new Section 23-66.1 to Chapter 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Part 5 entitled "Sidewalks" and a new Section 23-66.1 be ADDED to the Code of Public Local Laws to read as follows:

Part 5. Sidewalks.

§23-66.1 Sidewalks.

- A. Maintenance. The owners of property adjoining a State or County right-of-way in which a sidewalk has been constructed shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement thereof, including the responsibility to remove any snow or ice accumulated thereon.**
- B. Obstructions. No person shall obstruct a sidewalk located in a State or County right-of-way or impede or hinder the free passage of persons over and across such sidewalk.**
- C. Standards. Any construction, repair, maintenance or replacement of a sidewalk located within a State or County right-of-way shall comply with the design requirements of the Queen Anne's County Roads Design Manual.**

D. Costs. Should an adjoining property owner fail to maintain, repair or replace a sidewalk as required hereunder, the Department of Public Works of Queen Anne’s County shall perform or cause to be performed, such maintenance, repairs or replacement and the costs of same shall be assessed as a lien against the adjoining property collectible in the same manner as real property taxes.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Part 5 of Chapter 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws be redesignated as “Part 6”.

SECTION III

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

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Moran

DATE: October 13, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: November 10, 2015 @ 9:20 am

VOTE: _____ Yea _____ Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: Rescinded October 25, 2016