

**COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 14-02**

**A BILL ENTITLED**

**AN ACT CONCERNING Administrative Fees in Nuisance Abatement Matters;**

**FOR THE PURPOSE of assessing an administrative fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in connection with the abatement of a nuisance under Part 1 of Chapter 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County; and generally dealing with the abatement of nuisances;**

**BY AMENDING Section 19-6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County, Maryland.**

**SECTION I**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 19-6 of the Code of Public Local Laws be amended to read as follows:**

**Chapter 19. NUISANCES; CONDUCT OF AGRICULTURAL AND SEAFOOD OPERATIONS**

**Part 1. Nuisances**

**Article III. Enforcement**

**§19-6. Enforcement by County Commissioners.**

**A. Action to abate nuisance. The County Commissioners may take any action legally necessary to abate a nuisance, including applying to a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction.**

**B. Abatement and assessment.**

**(1) In addition to any other enforcement procedures under this Part 1, the County Commissioners may:**

**(a) Abate any nuisance by any appropriate means; and**

**(b) Assess the property owner for the costs of the abatement PLUS AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) TO DEFRAY**

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF ENFORCEMENT.**

**(2) An assessment under this subsection:**

**(a) Is a lien against the real property that benefited from the abatement of the nuisance; and**

**(b) May be collected in the same manner as County real estate taxes.**

**SECTION II**

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) day following its adoption.**

**INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Moran**

**DATE: February 11, 2014**

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD: March 25, 2014 @ 6:00 pm**

**VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay**

**DATE OF ADOPTION: April 8, 2014**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: May 24, 2014**