

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 14-03

AN AMENDMENT TO
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Electronic Signs in Queen Anne's County,
Maryland;

FOR THE PURPOSE of Amending County Ordinance No. 14-03 to
allow the surface area copy of electronic signs to change up to
three times per day;

BY AMENDING Section 18:1-81 A. (13) (b) of proposed new
Section 18:1-81 A. (13).

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S
COUNTY, MARYLAND that pending County Ordinance No. 14-03 be
amended so that new Section 18:1-81 A. (13) reads as follows:

*§ 18:1-81 Permits; Alternations: Moving Signs; Locations;
Performance Standards*

A. Sign permit needed; exceptions.

(1) . . .

. . .

(13) Electronic Signs, including light-emitting diode (''LED'') signs, are permitted as freestanding signs subject to the following limitations:

(a) No electronic sign shall exceed sixty (60) square feet of the maximum freestanding sign surface area otherwise permitted pursuant to §18:1-81.A. (10) (b) [1] above; and

(b) Surface area copy may not change more frequently than ~~one~~ three times per day.

(c) Electronic Signs shall have no revolving, flashing, moving, scrolling, rotating or similar intermittent lights or features that simulate movement.

(d) An electronic sign may not be animated, play video or audio messages or blink in any manner.

(e) An electronic sign shall consist only of alphabetic or numeric characters on a plain background and may not include graphic, pictorial, or photographic images.

(f) Electronic signs shall not exceed a maximum illumination of 7500 nits during daylight hours and a maximum illumination of 750 nits for the time period between sunset and sunrise as measured from the sign's face at maximum brightness. The applicant shall provide written certification from the sign manufacturer that the light intensity has been preset not to exceed the levels specified above, and the intensity level is protected from end-user manipulation by password protected software or other appropriate methods.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Amendment shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Dumenil

DATE: July 8, 2014

VOTE: 3 Yea 2 Nay - to reject the amendment

DATE REJECTED: August 26, 2014