

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 18-01

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Fire and Emergency Service Access;

FOR THE PURPOSE of requiring that all gated businesses, residences, communities and marinas be equipped with a "knox box" type system or a keyed entry system that allows fire and emergency services personnel access to such residences, communities and marinas;

BY ADOPTING a new Section 21-18 to 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 21-28 of the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby ADOPTED to read as follows:

§21-18. Access Safes.

- A. Each gated business, gated residence, gated community and gated marina in Queen Anne's County shall be equipped with either a keyed entry system approved by the Queen Anne's County Fire Marshall or a small safe of a type and design approved by the Queen Anne's County Fire Marshall that holds keys allowing fire departments and emergency services personnel access to the business, residence, community or marina. Local fire departments and emergency services personnel shall be provided master keys to all such safes in their response area.
- B. Any violation of this Section shall be a civil infraction subject to the fine of up to \$500.00. Every day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

SECTION II

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

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Buckey

DATE: February 27, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: March 27, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: April 10, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 26, 2018