

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 18-09

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Exemptions from the Queen Anne's County Sanitary District Ready-to-Serve Charge;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF increasing the adjusted gross annual household income below which properties shall be exempt from ready-to-serve charges to \$30,000.00; providing for annual increases in such threshold based on a cost of living index; and generally addressing and revising the provisions on exemptions from ready-to-serve charges imposed by the Queen Anne's County Sanitary District;

BY AMENDING Section 24-38 B.(5) 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 24-38 B.(5) of the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

§24-38. Other Charges.

B. Water, sewer and solid waste service.

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(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Queen Anne's County Sanitary Commission shall exempt any property from ready-to-serve charges where all owners of such property have adjusted gross annual household income for Federal Income Tax purposes of \$25,000 ~~\$30,000.00~~ or below. Beginning January 1, 2019 and on January 1 of each subsequent year, the adjusted gross annual household income shall be increased (but not decreased) by an amount which shall reflect the increase, if any, in the cost of living during the preceding 12 months by adding to the gross annual household income an amount computed by multiplying such amount for the preceding year by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported on January 1st of the new year by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor has increased over its

level as of January 1st of the prior year. In order to qualify for such exemption, the owner or owners of a property must furnish satisfactory proof of actual gross adjusted income for federal income tax purposes to the Chief Sanitary Engineer of the Queen Anne's County Sanitary District or his designee who may adopt any reasonable rules and regulations and promulgate any forms necessary to carry out these provisions. Any exemption granted hereunder shall be effective on the first day of the billing quarter immediately following the qualification and shall be valid for a period of three years. Thereafter, the owner or owners must reapply and qualify for a continued exemption under these provisions. [Added 2-24-2009 by Ord. No. 09-02; 8-25-2009 by Ord. No. 09-14.]

SECTION II

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

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Moran

DATE: July 10, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: August 14, 2018 @ 9:45 am

VOTE: _____ Yea _____ Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____