

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 96-07

**A BILL ENTITLED**

**AN ACT to Establish a Moratorium on the Application For and Issuance of Zoning and/or Use Permits for Certain Environmentally Sensitive Uses of Land.**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing a temporary moratorium on sewage sludge storage facilities and rubble fills; establishing a time period during which such moratorium shall be effective and directing the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning and the Planning Commission of Queen Anne's County to review and make recommendations to the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County regarding these matters.**

**PREFATORY STATEMENT**

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County ("the County") has recently received several proposals for amendments to the Queen Anne's County Zoning Ordinance. These proposals deal generally with changes to the Zoning Ordinance as regard rubble fills and sewage sludge storage facilities. The County recognizes the need to study and review the existing County regulations to determine the appropriateness and advisability of revising and/or supplementing such existing regulations as pertains to the two specific land uses (rubble fills and sludge storage facilities) as well as determining if other land uses could have potential environmental or other effects similar to such uses and should be regulated in a like manner.

In order to prevent the approval of such specific land uses prior to the necessary study and review and under existing regulations which may be deemed inadequate or ineffective the establishment of a temporary moratorium on the same is deemed reasonable, necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of Queen Anne's County and in the public interest.

**SECTION I**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a Moratorium be and is hereby declared on the application for, processing or approval of any sewage sludge storage facility or rubble landfill for a period of six months from the effective date hereof.**

**SECTION II**

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning and the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission are requested to review the existing Queen Anne's County regulations pertaining to rubble fills and sewage sludge storage**

facilities in conjunction with their review of the pending applications for zoning text amendments and to make recommendations to the County for any amendments, supplements and modifications thereto and to review the environmental impacts of other land uses in the County to determine and to make recommendations as to whether any such uses may have potential environmental impacts requiring regulation.

### SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this measure is determined to be an emergency bill affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the County and shall take effect from the date of its passage subject only to the time period set forth in Article 66B, Section 4.04(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Michael F. Zimmer, Jr.  
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PUBLIC HEARING HELD: July 2, 1996 - 11:00 A.M.  
VOTE: 3 YEA 0 NAY  
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