

**COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 15-10**

**A BILL ENTITLED**

**AN ACT CONCERNING the Queen Anne's County Emergency Services Advisory Council;**

**FOR THE PURPOSE of revising the powers, duties and membership of the Emergency Services Advisory Council in Queen Anne's County;**

**BY REPEALING AND READOPTING Section 21-12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.**

**SECTION I**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 21-12 and the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby REPEALED and the following new Section 21-12 be and is hereby ADOPTED.**

**§21-12 Emergency Services Advisory Council.**

**The County shall appoint an Emergency Services Advisory Council with the powers and duties specified in this article.**

**A. General powers and duties.**

- (1) Advise the County Commissioners on matters regarding the provision of emergency services within Queen Anne's County.**
- (2) Assist the Department regarding emergency services public information and education;**
- (3) Submit to the Commissioners an annual report on the status of emergency services in the County and make recommendations for improvement to the system;**
- (4) Perform other appropriate functions requested by the Department or the County.**

**B. Membership.**

- (1) The Director, Department of Emergency Services, will serve as Executive Director to the Council and provide necessary staff**

support. The Executive Director will have voting authority if the membership's vote results in a tie.

**(2) The County will appoint 8 voting members to the Council. Voting membership will include representatives as follows:**

**(a) Fire and EMS Commission Chairman (one),**

**(b) Fire and EMS Commission Volunteer Ambulance Committee Chairman (one),**

**(c) Fire and EMS Commission Volunteer Fire Chief (one),**

**(d) Consumers (five, four of whom shall reside in and represent each of the four County Commissioners Districts in Queen Anne's County and one of whom shall be an at-large member who may reside anywhere in the County).**

**C. Terms. Initial appointments to the Council shall be staggered in the discretion of the County. Thereafter all Council members shall serve terms of two years or until his or her successor is appointed.**

**D. Procedures. The Council may establish procedures and rules to facilitate carrying out the mission of the Council.**

**E. Committees. The Council may establish such standing and ad hoc committees as they may deem necessary. Committee chairs must be members in good standing of the Council, but standing and ad hoc committee members are not required to be members of the Council.**

## **SECTION II**

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

**INTRODUCED BY:** Commissioner Stephen Wilson

**DATE:** November 10, 2015

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD:** January 26, 2016 @ 6:45 pm

**VOTE:** 4 Yea 0 Nay

**DATE OF ADOPTION:** February 9, 2016

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 26, 2016