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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 33

Bill No. 52-14

Introduced by Mr. Grasso, Chairman
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, July 7, 2014

Introduced and first read on July 7, 2014
Public Hearing set for and held on September 2, 2014
Bill Expires October 10, 2014

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

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2 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Charges and Assessments for Water and
3 Wastewater

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5 FOR the purpose of allowing the installation of certain water meters on private water
6 sources on residential properties with wastewater service for purposes of wastewater
7 billing; establishing a certain method of meter reading and charges for wastewater
8 service for certain properties without metered water service; establishing guidelines
9 for meter repair or replacement; establishing certain charges; and generally relating to
10 charges and assessments for water and wastewater.

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12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 13-5-806
13 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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15 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,*
16 *Maryland,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as
17 follows:

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19 **ARTICLE 13. PUBLIC WORKS**

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21 **TITLE 5. UTILITIES**

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23 **13-5-806. Wastewater charges for properties with water meters on private water**
24 **sources and for properties without water service.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 **(A) Private water meters; installation.** IF METERED WATER IS NOT DELIVERED TO
2 A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITH WASTEWATER SERVICE, A PROPERTY OWNER MAY
3 INSTALL, AT THE PROPERTY OWNER'S EXPENSE, A WATER METER ON THE PRIVATE
4 WATER SOURCE SERVING THE PROPERTY. A CONNECTION PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE
5 INSTALLATION OF A WATER METER ON A PRIVATE WATER SOURCE.
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7 **(B) Same - readings; wastewater charges.**

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9 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL READ A WATER METER ON A PRIVATE WATER
10 SOURCE AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND CHARGE FOR WASTEWATER USAGE IN ACCORDANCE
11 WITH § 13-5-805.
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13 (2) FOR ANY BILLING QUARTER DURING WHICH NO METER READING OCCURS, THE
14 CHARGE FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE SHALL BE ESTIMATED BASED UPON PRIOR METER
15 READINGS OR, IF THERE HAVE NOT BEEN PRIOR METER READINGS, IN ACCORDANCE
16 WITH SUBSECTION (F).
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18 (3) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE ESTIMATED WASTEWATER
19 CHARGES BILLED BETWEEN THE INSTALLATION OF THE WATER METER ON THE PRIVATE
20 WATER SOURCE AND THE FIRST METER READING ARE INACCURATE, THE PROPERTY
21 OWNER SHALL BE CREDITED OR BILLED IN THE NEXT BILLING CYCLE FOR THE
22 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ESTIMATED CHARGES AND CHARGES BASED ON THE ACTUAL
23 METER READING.
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25 (4) IF, BASED ON THE MOST RECENT METER READING, THE DEPARTMENT
26 DETERMINES THAT THE ESTIMATED WASTEWATER CHARGES BILLED SINCE THE LAST
27 METER READING ARE INACCURATE, THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE CREDITED OR
28 BILLED IN THE NEXT BILLING CYCLE FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ESTIMATED
29 CHARGES AND THE CHARGES BASED ON THE ACTUAL METER READING.
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31 **(C) Same - required replacement.** A WATER METER ON A PRIVATE WATER SOURCE
32 SHALL BE REPLACED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS.
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34 **(D) Same - repair; inspection.** IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A WATER
35 METER ON A PRIVATE WATER SOURCE IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, THE PROPERTY
36 OWNER SHALL BE GIVEN NOTICE TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE WATER METER WITHIN 45
37 DAYS. WHEN THE METER IS REPAIRED OR REPLACED, THE OWNER SHALL SCHEDULE AN
38 INSPECTION WITH A DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. IF THE METER IS NOT ACCESSIBLE
39 FOR A SCHEDULED INSPECTION, OR IF THE METER IS NOT REPAIRED OR REPLACED AT
40 THE TIME OF INSPECTION, THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE CHARGED \$40 FOR EACH
41 SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION.
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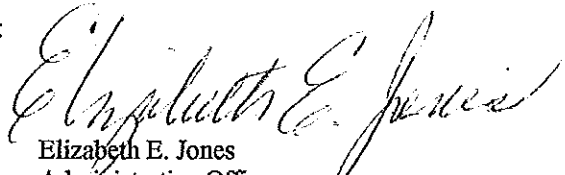
43 **(E) Wastewater charges when private water meter not replaced.** IF THE OWNER
44 FAILS TO REPAIR OR REPLACE A WATER METER IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NOTICE FROM
45 THE DEPARTMENT, THE CHARGE FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE
46 WITH SUBSECTION (F).
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48 **(F) Wastewater charges for properties without private meters.** If metered water
49 is not delivered to a property with wastewater service AND THERE IS NO WATER METER
50 ON THE PRIVATE WATER SOURCE, the charge for wastewater service shall be the average
51 charge for wastewater service to similar properties [and there is] PLUS an account
52 maintenance charge of \$3.00 per billing cycle, regardless of the amount of usage. The
53 Director may require special meters or devices for commercial and industrial properties
54 that do not have metered water service.

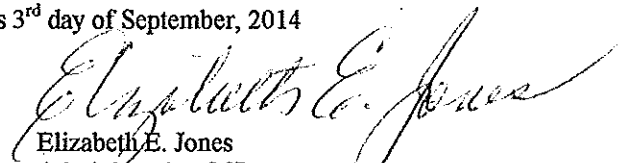
1 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
2 from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 2nd day of September, 2014

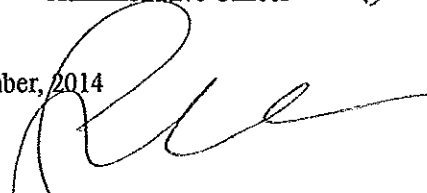
By Order:


Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for her approval this 3rd day of September, 2014


Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 8th day of September, 2014


Laura Neuman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 23, 2014

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO.
52-14, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.


Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer