

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 24

Bill No. 114-21

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, December 20, 2021

Introduced and first read on December 20, 2021
Public Hearing set for and held on January 18, 2022
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on February 7, 2022
Bill Expires March 25, 2022

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Charges and Assessments – Late
2 Penalties

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4 FOR the purpose of allowing the waiver of penalties on overdue water and wastewater
5 service charges due to County error or billing or payment delays due to certain events
6 or issues affecting multiple property owners; providing for the application of this
7 Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

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9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 13-5-809(a)
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

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15 **ARTICLE 13. PUBLIC WORKS**

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17 **TITLE 5. UTILITIES**

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19 **13-5-809. Penalties, back-billing, adjustments, and payments.**

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21 (a) **Late payment.** The Office of Finance shall assess a penalty charge of 10% on all
22 water and wastewater service charges established in §§ 13-5-805, 13-5-806, and 13-5-

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment.

1 808 that are not paid within 30 days of the billed date. If requested by a customer, the
2 Controller may waive the penalty charge no more than twice during a calendar year. IN
3 ADDITION, THE CONTROLLER ~~MAY~~ SHALL WAIVE THE PENALTY CHARGE UPON MAKING A
4 DETERMINATION THAT A LATE PAYMENT IS A RESULT OF A COUNTY ERROR₇; ~~OR THE~~
5 CONTROLLER MAY WAIVE THE PENALTY CHARGE UPON MAKING A DETERMINATION
6 THAT AN EVENT OR ISSUE BEYOND A PROPERTY OWNER'S CONTROL HAS RESULTED IN
7 BILLING OR PAYMENT DELAYS FOR MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS, SUCH AS A STATE OF
8 EMERGENCY OR UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY DELAY.
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10 SECTION. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be
11 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any penalty
12 charge assessed on or after October 1, 2021.

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14 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
15 from the date it becomes law.

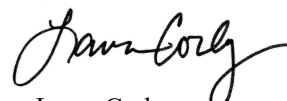
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: January 18, 2022

READ AND PASSED this 7th day of February, 2022


By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 8th day of February, 2022


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 11th day of February, 2022


Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 28, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 114-21 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE
FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer