

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-12

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Discharge of Water Softener Backwash Brine;

FOR THE PURPOSE of prohibiting the discharge of water softener brine into septic tank effluent pumping (“STEP”) public sewer systems; providing monetary fees for violation, and generally addressing and dealing with the discharge of water softener brine into the Queen Anne’s County STEP system.

BY ADDING to Section 24-149 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 a new Section 24-149 D. be ADDED to the Code of Public Local Laws, to read as follows:

Chapter 24. Sanitary District; Water, Sewers and Septic Tanks

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§ 24-149. Restricted waters and wastes.

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D. Water Softener Brine.

- (1) No water softener brine shall be disposed of or discharged into the STEP public sewer system in the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict.**
- (2) All water softener brine shall be disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Queen Anne’s County Department of Environmental Health.**
- (3) In addition to the penalties provided under Section 24-173 of this Chapter, a monetary water softener penalty may be imposed on any property owner discharging water softener brine in violation of Subparagraph D. (1) of this Section in an amount established in the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict rate schedule. Such penalty shall be a lien against the property and collectible in the same manner as County real estate taxes.**

SECTION II

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

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Wilson

DATE: June 25, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: July 23, 2024

VOTE: 4 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: August 13, 2024