

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 20-12

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Timing of Response to Ethics Complaints by the Queen Anne's County Ethics Commission;

FOR THE PURPOSE of revising the time the Queen Anne's County Ethics Commission shall either dismiss or forward an ethics complaint from 10 to 30 days;

BY AMENDING Section 8-10 G. (3) of Chapter 8 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 8-10 G. (3) of the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

\* [Brackets and ~~strikethrough~~ indicates language to be deleted]  
\*\*bold and underlined indicates language to be added

§ 8-10. **Administration; powers and duties.**

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G. **Complaints.**

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(3) The Commission shall promptly acknowledge the receipt of the complaint to the complainant and, within [~~10~~] **30** days of receipt of the complaint, shall dismiss the complaint if plainly frivolous or legally insufficient; otherwise it shall provide a copy of the complaint to the respondent. The respondent shall be notified of the right to submit a written response to the complaint, along with any accompanying documentation and/or statements (sworn or unsworn) supporting

the respondent's contention that no violation occurred. The respondent shall be advised in the initial notice of a complaint that he/she has the right to counsel.

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## SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its enactment.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Moran

DATE: September 8, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: October 13, 2020 @ 6:20 pm

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 27, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 12, 2020