

protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the County.

183B. (Express Powers) In addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been, or may hereafter be granted to it, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County also shall have the following express powers:

(1) Advertisements. To provide for county advertising, printing and publishing of all laws, ordinances, resolutions or regulations, adopted by the County Commissioners and the annual statements of receipts and expenditures of the County.

(2) Amusements. To provide in the interests of the public welfare for the licensing, regulating, or restraining of theatrical or other public amusements.

(3) Appropriations. To expend County funds for any purpose deemed to be public and to affect the safety, health, and general welfare of the County and its occupants.

(4) Codification. To provide for the codification of all ordinances which have been or may hereafter be passed.

(5) Cooperative Activities. To make agreements with other municipalities, counties, districts, bureaus, commissions, and governmental authorities for the joint performance of or for cooperation in the performance of any governmental functions.

(6) Employees. To provide for the appointment and removal of all county officers and employees except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or Public General or Public Local Laws.

(7) Explosives. To regulate or prevent the storage of gunpowder, oil, or any other explosive or combustible matter; to regulate or prevent the use of firearms, fireworks, bonfires, explosives, or any other similar things which may endanger persons or property.

(8) Fines. To provide that violations of ordinances and resolutions authorized by any Public General or Public Local Law shall be punishable as misdemeanors, but no penalty shall exceed a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and imprisonment for ninety (90) days. Imprisonment in default of fine and costs shall be regulated by the provisions of Section 4 of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any amendments thereto.

All fines, forfeitures, and penalties imposed by any ordinance or resolution of the County Commissioners may be recovered in the corporate name of the County before a Trial Magistrate, as small debts are recovered, and the money arising therefrom shall be paid to the County for its use. Provided, that any person subject to any fine, forfeiture, or penalty by virtue of any such ordinance or resolution shall have a right to appeal within ten (10) days to the Circuit Court of the County in which such fine, forfeiture or penalty was imposed and shall have the right, if he so elects, to a trial by jury, upon giving ample security for the payment of such fine and costs.

(9) Franchises. To grant and regulate franchises to public service companies (as defined in Article 78 of the Public General Laws) and any others, which may be deemed advantageous and beneficial to the