

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

Bill No. 20-73

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to add new Sections 18-200 through 18-205, inclusive, to the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 18, "Traffic", to follow immediately after Section 18-109 thereof and to be under the new Subtitle 2, "Interference with Emergency Equipment", to provide that it shall be unlawful to interfere with or obstruct emergency equipment or vehicles, establish procedures for the removal of such obstructions, to provide penalties for the violation thereof, and matters generally related thereto.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That new Sections 18-200 through 18-205, inclusive, be, and they are hereby added to the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 18, "Traffic", to follow immediately after Section 18-109 thereof and to be under the new Subtitle 2, "interference with Emergency Equipment", and to read as follows:

Section 18-200

It shall be unlawful to obstruct or interfere with the operation of any emergency vehicle or equipment, or to obstruct access by County emergency equipment to any fire hydrant, fire sprinkler connection, via properly designated fire lanes on either public or private property.

SECTION 18-200A

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE, TERMS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH SHALL BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A FIRE LANE IS DEFINED AS A LANE REQUIRED TO BE PERMANENTLY OPEN FOR THE INGRESS OR EGRESS OF FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY, IN ORDER THAT FIRES MAY BE PREVENTED OR CONTROLLED AND EXITWAYS ARE KEPT UNOBSTRUCTED FOR LIFE SAFETY.

(2) AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE IS DEFINED AS A VEHICLE SO DESIGNATED OR AUTHORIZED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION.

Section 18-201

The Police Department is hereby authorized wherever necessary [(as a fire prevention measure)] to take