

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the act of loitering in Queen Anne's County; defining terms; prohibiting a person from loitering and failing to obey certain police officers; disclaiming any effect on orderly picketing or other lawful assembly; providing penalties; and generally relating to Queen Anne's County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County
Section 14A-1 through 14A-5 to be under the new
subtitle "14A. Loitering"
Article 18 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1974 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 18 - Queen Anne's County

14A. LOITERING

14A-1.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "LOITER" MEANS TO STAND AROUND OR REMAIN OR TO PARK OR REMAIN PARKED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE AT A PUBLIC PLACE OR PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND TO ENGAGE IN ANY CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THIS LAW. LOITER ALSO MEANS TO COLLECT, GATHER, CONGREGATE OR TO BE A MEMBER OF A GROUP OR A CROWD OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE OR PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND TO ENGAGE IN ANY CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THIS LAW.

(C) "PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" MEANS ANY PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR ANY PLACE TO WHICH THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND IN, ON OR AROUND ANY PRIVATELY OWNED PLACE OF BUSINESS, PRIVATE PARKING LOT OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION, INCLUDING PLACES OF WORSHIP, CEMETERY OR ANY PLACE OF AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT WHETHER OR NOT A CHARGE OF ADMISSION OR ENTRY THERETO IS MADE. IT INCLUDES THE ELEVATOR, LOBBY, HALLS, CORRIDORS, AND AREAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OF ANY STORE, OFFICE, OR APARTMENT BUILDING.

(D) "PUBLIC PLACE" MEANS ANY PUBLIC STREET, ROAD, OR HIGHWAY, ALLEY, LANE, SIDEWALK, CROSSWALK, OR OTHER PUBLIC WAY, OR ANY PUBLIC RESORT, PLACE OF AMUSEMENT, PARK, PLAYGROUND, PUBLIC BUILDING, OR GROUNDS APPURTENANT THERETO, SCHOOL BUILDING OR SCHOOL GROUNDS, PUBLIC PARKING LOT, OR ANY VACANT LOT.