

(vi) A citation for a Code violation issued under Article 27, § 403B of the Code; [or]

(vii) A violation of an ordinance or regulation enacted by St. Mary's County pursuant to Article 25, § 10-1 of the Code, for which a civil penalty is provided; [and] OR

(VIII) A CIVIL INFRACTION RELATING TO THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION, AS PROVIDED IN § 113-21(B) OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY; AND

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113-21.

(A) Unless otherwise provided, any act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in the chapter is punishable by a fine of not more than {one hundred dollars (\$100.)} \$500 or to confinement for not more than {thirty (30) days} 6-MONTHS in the county jail, or both. Where this act or omission is of a continuing nature and [persists] PERSISTS in violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule or regulation promulgated under this chapter, a conviction for one (1) offense is not a bar to a conviction for a continuation of the offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

(B) (1) THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION MAY DESIGNATE ANY VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER AS A CIVIL INFRACTION, WHICH SHALL BE ENFORCED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) A METROPOLITAN COMMISSION EMPLOYEE WITH THE DUTY OF ENFORCING THIS CHAPTER MAY DELIVER A CITATION TO A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE COMMITTING A VIOLATION. A COPY OF THE CITATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE METROPOLITAN COMMISSION EMPLOYEE AND SHALL BEAR A CERTIFICATION ATTESTING TO THE TRUTH OF THE MATTERS SET FORTH. THE CITATION SHALL CONTAIN:

- (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON CHARGED;
- (II) THE NATURE OF THE VIOLATION;
- (III) THE PLACE AND TIME OF THE VIOLATION;
- (IV) THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE ASSESSED;
- (V) THE MANNER, LOCATION, AND TIME IN WHICH THE FINE MAY BE PAID; AND
- (VI) THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO ELECT TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE VIOLATION.

(3) A PRESET FINE, NOT TO EXCEED \$500 \$100, MAY BE IMPOSED FOR EACH VIOLATION. THE METROPOLITAN COMMISSIONERS MAY ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR EACH VIOLATION AND MAY ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTION OF THESE FINES.