

~~(II) THE COUNTY MAY DOUBLE THE FINE TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.~~

~~(III) THE DESIGNATED COUNTY OFFICIAL MAY REQUEST ADJUDICATION OF THE CASE THROUGH THE DISTRICT COURT AND MAY FILE WITH THE DISTRICT COURT A DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT ON AFFIDAVIT.~~

~~(IV) THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL SCHEDULE THE CASE FOR TRIAL AND SUMMON THE DEFENDANT TO APPEAR.~~

~~(V) THE DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS SHALL RESULT IN THE ENTRY OF A JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY.~~

~~(7) (4) IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT, THE VIOLATION SHALL BE PROSECUTED IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS SET FORTH FOR MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 23A, § 3(B) (12) THROUGH (14) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.~~

~~(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE 23A, § 3(B)(14) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DESIGNATE A COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE THE VIOLATION.~~

~~(8) IF A PERSON IS FOUND BY THE DISTRICT COURT TO HAVE COMMITTED A VIOLATION, THE PERSON SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.~~

~~(9) ADJUDICATION OF A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, NOR DOES IT IMPOSE ANY CIVIL DISABILITIES ORDINARILY IMPOSED BY A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.~~

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(A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 2-408 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION OF COUNTY ORDINANCES AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE THAT VIOLATIONS OF ANY ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN "INFRACTION" UNLESS THE VIOLATION IS DECLARED TO BE A FELONY OR A MISDEMEANOR BY STATE LAW. IN ADDITION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CLASSIFY AS AN "INFRACTION".

(I) A VIOLATION OF ANY ZONING OR LAND USE ORDINANCE OR REGULATION AUTHORIZED TO BE ADOPTED OR ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND

(II) LITTERING WITHIN THE COUNTY AS PROHIBITED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 468 OF THE CODE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE AN INFRACTION IS A CIVIL OFFENSE.

(2) A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR EACH INFRACTION. THE FINE IS PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY BY THE PERSON CHARGED IN THE CITATION WITHIN 20 CALENDAR DAYS OF SERVICE OF THE CITATION.