

(3) (I) THOSE OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY SERVE A CITATION ON ANY PERSON:

1. WHOM THEY BELIEVE IS COMMITTING OR HAS COMMITTED AN INFRACTION; OR

2. ON THE BASIS OF AN AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED TO AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTY, TO BE NAMED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITING THE FACTS OF THE ALLEGED INFRACTION.

(II) THE CITATION SHALL BE SERVED ON THE DEFENDANT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 3-121 OF THE MARYLAND RULES; OR

2. FOR REAL PROPERTY-RELATED VIOLATIONS, IF PROOF IS MADE BY AFFIDAVIT THAT GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO SERVE THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 3-121(A) OF THE MARYLAND RULES HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED, BY:

A. REGULAR MAIL TO THE DEFENDANT'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS; AND

B. POSTING OF THE CITATION AT THE PROPERTY WHERE THE INFRACTION HAS OCCURRED OR IS OCCURRING, AND, IF LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, AT THE RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE DEFENDANT.

(III) THE CITATION SHALL CONTAIN:

1. THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION:

A. ATTESTING TO THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER SET FORTH IN THE CITATION; OR

B. THAT THE CITATION IS BASED ON AN AFFIDAVIT;

2. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON CHARGED;

3. THE NATURE OF THE INFRACTION;

4. THE LOCATION AND TIME THAT THE INFRACTION OCCURRED;

5. THE AMOUNT OF THE INFRACTION FINE ASSESSED;

6. THE MANNER, LOCATION, AND TIME IN WHICH THE FINE MAY BE PAID TO THE COUNTY;

7. THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO ELECT TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE INFRACTION; AND

8. THE EFFECT OF FAILING TO PAY THE ASSESSED FINE OR DEMAND A TRIAL WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME.

(IV) THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL RETAIN A COPY OF THE CITATION.