

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2004 Legislative Session,
Legislative Day No. 2 May 11, 2004

Introduced By: Dorchester County Council

BILL NO. 2004-4

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MARYLAND, ADDING NEW CHAPTER 107 TO THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE ENTITLED LIEN FOR MONEY OWED TO COUNTY, PROVIDING THAT IN ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH AN OWNER OF PROPERTY IS DEEMED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF AN ABATEMENT OF AN OFFENSE, OR SUBJECT TO A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION, OR IN ANY INSTANCE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF ANY MONEY WHATSOEVER FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE SECTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CODE, OR FOR ANY AMOUNT OWED TO THE COUNTY FOR ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSE WHICH IS DUE AND PAYABLE BY SAID PROPERTY OWNER; PROVIDING THAT IN ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH AN OWNER OF PROPERTY IS DEEMED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLS OR COSTS WHICH THE COUNTY HAS PROVIDED OR WHICH THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY, SUCH COSTS SHALL BE FIRST LIENS ON ANY LAND OF THE OWNER, THE SAME AS COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES, AND MAY BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE COLLECTED OR COLLECTED BY AN ACTION AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on official bulletin board of County, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Ordered publication for once a week for two successive weeks, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:30 p.m.

By order: Jane Baynard
Jane Baynard, County Manager

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SECTION ONE: Acting under Article 25 (A), Section 5 (A), and Section 5 (S) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (the "Acts") be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, in legislative session, that new Chapter 107, entitled "Lien For Money Owed To County" be added to the Dorchester County Code to read as follows:

Chapter 107

LIEN FOR MONEY OWED TO COUNTY

SECTION 107-1 Lien For Money Owed To County

- A. In any instance in which an owner of property is deemed to be responsible for the cost of an abatement of an offense, or subject to a municipal infraction, or in any instance subject to the payment of any money whatsoever for violation of any of the sections contained in this Code, or for any amount owed to the County for any administrative purpose which is due and payable by said property owner, said amount shall be collectable in the same manner as Real Estate Taxes and said amount shall be a first lien against any property owned by said property owner until paid.
- B. In any instance in which an owner of property is deemed to be responsible for water and sewer bills or costs in which the County has provided or in which the County is responsible to pay, such costs shall be first liens on any land of the owner, the same as County Real Estate Taxes, and may be collected in the same manner as County Real Estate Taxes are collected or collected by an action at law against the owner.
- C. In any instance where a lien arises in favor of the County and such lien is attributable to a specific parcel of land of the owner, then the lien provided for by this Chapter shall be added to the County Real Estate Tax bill for the specific property and collected the same as County Real Estate Taxes are collected.

SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND that General Code publishers is directed to codify new Chapter 107 in The Dorchester County Code accordingly.

SECTION THREE: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2004-4 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage.

PASSED this 8th day of June, 2004.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Jane Baynard
Jane Baynard, County Manager

Glenn L. Bramble
Glenn L. Bramble, President

APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2004.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY MARYLAND:

BY: Jane Baynard
Jane Baynard, County Manager

Glenn L. Bramble
Glenn L. Bramble, President

Bramble aye
Elzey aye
Flowers aye
Nichols aye
Yockey aye

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