

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2013, Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 5-13

Introduced by Mr. Walker, Chairman  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, January 22, 2013

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Introduced and first read on January 22, 2013

Public Hearing set for February 19, 2013

Bill Expires April 27, 2013

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste and Utility fee credits

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3 FOR the purpose of providing for the proration of the solid waste service charge for certain  
4 residential property when unoccupied due to military service under certain  
5 circumstances; providing for elimination of unmetered wastewater service charges on  
6 residential property when unoccupied due to military service under certain  
7 circumstances; and generally relating to solid waste and utility service charges.

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9 BY adding: § 13-4-105(c)

10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 13-5-809(c)

13 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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15 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
16 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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18 **ARTICLE 13 PUBLIC WORKS**

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20 **TITLE 4. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 **13-4-105. Solid waste service charge.**

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3 (C) **Unoccupied property due to military service.** AT A PROPERTY OWNER'S REQUEST,  
4 IF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WILL BE UNOCCUPIED FOR THREE MONTHS OR MORE BECAUSE  
5 AN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS ACTIVATED TO MILITARY SERVICE PURSUANT TO AN  
6 EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DIRECTOR MAY  
7 PRORATE THE SERVICE CHARGE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME THE PROPERTY IS  
8 UNOCCUPIED. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH A COPY OF  
9 THE MILITARY ORDERS CALLING THE OWNER TO ACTIVE DUTY.

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11 **TITLE 5. UTILITIES**

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13 **13-5-809. Penalties, back-billing, adjustments, and payments.**

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15 (c) **Uninhabitable or unoccupied property.** At a customer's request, if RESIDENTIAL  
16 property on unmetered wastewater service becomes uninhabitable, OR WILL BE UNOCCUPIED  
17 FOR THREE MONTHS OR MORE BECAUSE AN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS ACTIVATED TO  
18 MILITARY SERVICE PURSUANT TO AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
19 UNITED STATES, the Office of Finance may reduce the bill for usage to zero until the  
20 property is habitable OR OCCUPIED again. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL PROVIDE THE  
21 DEPARTMENT WITH A COPY OF THE MILITARY ORDERS CALLING THE OWNER TO ACTIVE  
22 DUTY. If there are any costs to the utility to abandon service, even on a temporary basis, or to  
23 reestablish service, the customer shall pay these costs.

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25 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
26 from the date it becomes law.