

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 715 (Charles County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Charles County - Land Use - Administrative Adjustments

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County to designate the county planning director or another designee to grant adjustments to the zoning ordinance. The bill also requires the local legislative body to consult with the planning commission and the board of appeals in developing criteria and procedures for administrative adjustments and appeals. Currently, the Board of County Commissioners carries out these functions.

This bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Charles County currently performs the function of granting variances to the zoning ordinance.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County to designate the county planning director or another designee to grant administrative adjustments from: height, setback, bulk, parking, loading, dimensional, area, or similar requirements of the zoning ordinance. In consultation with the planning commission and the board of appeals, the local legislative body will develop criteria and procedures for administrative adjustments to the zoning ordinance. The bill also requires written findings of fact with a decision on an application for an administrative adjustment. In addition, the County Commissioners may provide a procedure for the appeal of a decision regarding an

administrative adjustment.

Local Effect: Charles County advises that the administrative costs for adjustment to the zoning process would remain the same. The fees charged for hearings, advertising, and document preparation would also remain the same under the direction of the planning director or another designee.

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