

# HOUSE BILL 708

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning**  
3 **Commission – Town of Kensington**

4 **MC/PG 112–07**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town of Kensington to have concurrent  
6 jurisdiction to enforce the Montgomery County zoning ordinances within its  
7 corporate limits; requiring a two–thirds majority vote of both the planning  
8 board and the district council of Montgomery County to take certain actions  
9 relating to zoning or land use planning within the Town of Kensington that is  
10 contrary to a resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of  
11 Kensington; and generally relating to zoning and land use planning for the  
12 Town of Kensington.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article 28 – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
15 Section 8–112(a) and 8–112.2  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 28 – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 8–112.

2 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and for the  
3 City of Takoma Park **AND THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON** as provided in § 8–112.2 of  
4 this subtitle, within the regional district, the zoning powers vested by Article 66B of  
5 the Code in any municipality or council of any municipality within the regional district  
6 shall be construed to be vested exclusively in and may be exercised within their  
7 discretion only by the County Council of Montgomery County or the County Council of  
8 Prince George’s County, each acting respectively as a district council.

9 (2) A municipal corporation in Prince George’s County shall have  
10 concurrent jurisdiction with the County Council of Prince George’s County to enforce  
11 zoning laws within its corporate limits.

12 (3) Before exercising the authority conferred by this section, a  
13 municipal corporation shall enter into a written agreement with the Prince George’s  
14 County District Council concerning the method by which the county will be advised of  
15 citations issued by a municipal inspector, the responsibility of the municipal  
16 corporation or the county to prosecute violations cited by the municipal corporation,  
17 the disposition of fines imposed for violations cited by the municipal corporation, the  
18 resolution of disagreements between the municipal corporation and the county about  
19 the interpretation of the zoning laws, and any other matters that the Prince George’s  
20 County District Council deems necessary for the proper exercise of this authority.

21 8–112.2.

22 (a) The City of Takoma Park **AND THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON** shall **EACH**  
23 have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the Montgomery County zoning ordinances  
24 within [its] **THEIR RESPECTIVE** corporate limits.

25 (b) A two-thirds majority vote of both the planning board and the district  
26 council of Montgomery County is required to take any action relating to zoning within  
27 the City of Takoma Park **OR THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON** that is contrary to a  
28 resolution of the Mayor and City **OR TOWN** Council [of Takoma Park].

29 (c) A two-thirds majority vote of the planning board of Montgomery County  
30 is required to take any action relating to land use planning within the City of Takoma  
31 Park **OR THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON** that is contrary to a resolution of the Mayor  
32 and City **OR TOWN** Council [of Takoma Park].

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 October 1, 2007.