

CHAPTER 625

(House Bill 772)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Zoning Regulations – Administrative Proceedings

Ho. Co. 5-07

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Council to provide by ordinance for an administrative proceeding to enforce certain zoning violations; providing that a certain ordinance may include authority to impose certain civil fines and penalties and create certain liens and assess certain costs for zoning violations; and generally relating to administrative proceedings to enforce zoning regulations in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 66B – Land Use
Section 1.02(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article 66B – Land Use
Section 14.06.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article 66B – Land Use

1.02.

- (b) The following sections of this article apply to a charter county:
 - (1) § 1.00(j) (Definition of “sensitive areas”);
 - (2) § 1.01 (Visions);

- (3) § 1.03 (Charter county – Comprehensive plans);
- (4) § 4.01(b)(2) (Regulation of bicycle parking);
- (5) § 5.03(d) (Easements for burial sites);
- (6) § 7.02 (Civil penalty for zoning violation);
- (7) § 10.01 (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances);
- (8) § 11.01 (Transfer of Development Rights);
- (9) § 12.01 (Inclusionary Zoning);
- (10) Except in Montgomery County or Prince George’s County, § 13.01 (Development rights and responsibilities agreements); [and]
- (11) For Baltimore County only, § 14.02; **AND**
- (12) **FOR HOWARD COUNTY ONLY, § 14.06.1.**

14.06.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO HOWARD COUNTY.

(B) IN ADDITION TO THE JURISDICTION GRANTED IN § 7.02 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE ITS ZONING REGULATIONS.

(C) THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CIVIL FINES AND PENALTIES AND TO CREATE LIENS AND ASSESS COSTS FOR ZONING VIOLATIONS.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.