

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Bill No. _____ CB-87-1995

Chapter No. _____ 57

Proposed and Presented by _____ Chairwoman MacKinnon - (by request M-NCPPC)

Introduced by _____ Council Members Maloney, Scott and MacKinnon

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction _____ October 24, 1995

ZONING BILL

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Public Participation Procedures

For the purpose of amending the public participation procedures for certain types of plans.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

Sections 27-642, 27-643, and 27-644,

The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,
being also

SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

The Prince George's County Code
(1991 Edition, 1994 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 27-642, 27-643 and 27-644 of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code, be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

PART 13. AREA MASTER PLANS, GENERAL PLAN, FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLANS, AND PLANNING AREAS.

DIVISION 2. PROCEDURES.

Sec. 27-642. Public and municipal participation.

(a) Informational brochure

(1) Upon initiation of the plan, an informational brochure shall be prepared by the Planning Board. The brochure shall contain the following:

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(F) A public participation program proposed for the formulation of the plan.

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(c) [Citizens advisory committee] Public participation program.

(1) [The purpose of the citizens advisory committee shall be to provide an opportunity for citizen involvement and assistance during preparation of the plan.] The Planning Board shall prepare a program for public participation in the preparation of a plan. Among the items to be considered in developing the public participation program are the area's size, characteristics and issues.

(2) [The citizens advisory committee shall be established within four (4) months after the public forum. The Planning Board shall submit to the District Council a list of nominees who represent a cross section of the population of the subject area or appropriate representatives for a functional plan or the General Plan. The District Council (by motion) may accept or reject the nominees, except as provided in this Section. If a nominee is rejected, the Planning Board shall submit an additional nomination.] The public participation plan shall encourage a balance of participation by the area citizens and businesses affected by the plan to include: property owners, area civic associations, local business groups, interest groups, government agencies, and any municipality that is within the area covered by the plan.

(3) [The size of the citizens advisory committee will vary in relation to the area being considered. The citizens advisory committee for an Area Master Plan shall include:] The public participation program shall explain the techniques to facilitate committed public involvement in the preparation of the plan.

[(A) One (1) representative from each municipality located within the subject area. The representative from each municipality shall be recommended by the Mayor and

Council of each municipality, and the District Council shall be required to approve the nominee.

(B) One (1) representative from two (2) business organizations active in Prince George's County or the subject area (such as Chambers of Commerce and trade associations).

(C) Not more than twelve (12) ad hoc members. Representatives from recognized citizens associations shall be given preference in the nominating process by the Planning Board.]

(4) [In the case of an amendment to the Historic Sites and Districts Plan, the nine (9) members of the Historic Preservation Commission, and four (4) citizens designated by the District Council, shall serve as the citizens advisory committee.] The public participation program shall include techniques to keep the larger affected community informed.

(5) [The citizens advisory committee shall, under the direction of the Planning Board or its designee, review, provide input, and comment on the plan in accordance with the purposes set forth in paragraph (1) of this Subsection.] The public participation program shall contain a timetable that explains the length of time for the preparation of the preliminary plan.

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Sec. 27-643. Establishment of goals, concepts, and guidelines and the public participation program.

(a) Following the public forum or upon initiation of a minor public facility amendment, the Planning Board shall prepare preliminary goals, concepts, [and] guidelines, and a public participation program. These shall be submitted to the District Council for approval.

Sec. 27-644. Preliminary plan.

(a) **Preparation by Planning Board.**

(1) Within four (4) months following the public forum, the District Council shall review the preliminary goals, concepts, [and] guidelines and the public participation program and (after approval) [establish the citizens advisory committee, and] direct the Planning Board to prepare a preliminary plan. The Planning Board shall coordinate its efforts with appropriate

Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies whose activities may affect the planning process in the area.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of November, 1995.

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COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART
OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.