

walls, smoke flues, fireplaces, hot-air flues, boilers, kettles, smoke stacks and stove pipes in said districts, and the storage of gasoline and other combustibles or explosives therein; to provide for and regulate the safe construction, inspection and repair of all private and public buildings within said districts; to regulate, restrain or prohibit, in their discretion, the erection of wooden or frame buildings within the present limits of said districts or any thickly populated portion of the same, and to remove the same at the owner's expense, when erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as they may adopt; to regulate the height, construction and inspection of all new buildings hereafter erected in said districts; to regulate the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect steps, porticoes, bay windows or other structural ornaments to houses fronting on any of the highways, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of said districts, and generally to adopt and enforce for the whole of said districts or for thickly populated portions thereof, all necessary regulations or rules for the foregoing purposes, and to prescribe fines and penalties for violations thereof; provided, however, that no such rules and regulations so adopted by said County Commissioners as aforesaid shall be deemed valid or effective until the same shall have been formally adopted by the said County Commissioners at a regular meeting, and recorded in a book kept in their office for the purpose, and until said rules and regulations shall have been published at least three times in two of the county papers published in Baltimore county; and it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to cause said rules and regulations adopted by them as aforesaid to be so recorded in a book or books kept by them for that purpose in their office, and to be published at least three times in two papers published in Baltimore county as aforesaid, and when so recorded and published all persons shall be deemed and taken to have notice thereof, and no actual notice need be proven. And it shall further be the duty of the said County Commissioners to cause to be printed for general distribution a sufficient number of copies of said rules and regulations when so adopted, recorded and published as aforesaid, with a printed certificate, by the chief clerk of said County Commissioners, to the effect that said rules and regulations have been so recorded and published as aforesaid, and said printed copy of such regulations, with certificate as aforesaid, shall be deemed prima facie evidence of such rules and regulations whenever it may be necessary to prove the existence of the same in any judicial proceedings. And the power is given said County Commissioners to change or amend from time to time, as may be necessary, such rules