

Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That Sections 14.600, 14.601, 14.602 and 14.603 be, and they are hereby added to Title 14 of the Howard County Code, title "Inspections, Licenses and Permits," subtitle "Parades and Public Gatherings," to read as follows:

14.600—PARADES, ASSEMBLAGE, PERMIT REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any organization or persons to parade through the public streets, highways or roads in Howard County or to conduct, congregate, or hold any other outdoor meeting or assemblage of persons which impedes the normal movement of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic through and along the public streets, highways or roads in Howard County without having obtained a permit therefor from the County Executive in accordance with this Act.

14.601—FORM OF APPLICATION

No permit shall be issued by the County Executive until proper application therefor has been made to the Chief of the Howard County Police Department in writing and signed by the person responsible for the parade or assemblage at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the parade or assemblage. In addition, the application shall indicate:

- (a) The date, time, route and time in route of the parade, including location of formation and termination areas.
- (b) Location of reviewing stand or similar constructions and description with respect to construction and size.
- (c) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
- (d) If made by an organization, the names and addresses of its officers and the name and address of the organization.

14.602—MANNER OF APPROVAL

The Chief of the Howard County Police Department shall review the application and shall suggest such alterations with respect to the application as he deems necessary for the safety, peace and good order of the County. The Chief of the Howard County Police Department shall, ten days prior to the date of the parade or other function submit both the original request along with any suggested alterations to the County Executive for his consideration. The County Executive shall thereupon grant the request as submitted by the applicant or with any changes as suggested by the Chief of the Howard County Police Department which meet with his approval or, in the alternative, shall deny the request and promptly notify the applicant of the denial along with his reasons therefor.

14.603—PENALTIES

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not to exceed the sum of \$100.00 or to be imprisoned for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

14.604—WAIVER

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, MAY