

## HOWARD COUNTY

CONSISTING OF: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; THE COUNTY SOLICITOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; AND ANY OTHER OFFICERS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, AS DETERMINED AND APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MAY BE REMOVED BY HIM.

(B) IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE RAT CONTROL COMMISSION, AND TO THIS END IT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE FUNDS AT ITS DISPOSAL, TO COORDINATE RAT CONTROL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, TO CARRY ON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN RAT CONTROL MATTERS, TO SUPERVISE THE PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF RAT CONTROL REPORTS, AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WAYS AND MEANS FOR IMPROVING RAT CONTROL CONDITIONS AND THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF RAT CONTROL REGULATIONS.

**[[3]] 12.702 DEFINITIONS**

RAT HARBORAGE. ANY CONDITION WHICH PROVIDES SHELTER OR PROTECTION FOR RATS, THUS FAVORING THEIR MULTIPLICATION AND CONTINUED EXISTENCE IN, UNDER OR OUTSIDE ANY STRUCTURE.

RAT INFESTATION. ANY EXISTING CONDITION WHICH PROMOTES THE INFESTATION OF RATS, WHICH ENDANGERS THE LIFE, HEALTH, PROPERTY, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC.

FOOD BUSINESS. ANY BUSINESS IN WHICH THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE IN THE SALE OR STORAGE OF FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTIONS.

RAT-PROOFING. A METHOD TO PREVENT THE INGRESS OF RATS INTO FOOD BUSINESS STRUCTURES FROM THE OR EXTERIOR FROM ONE STRUCTURE OR FOOD BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT TO ANOTHER. IT CONSISTS OF THE CLOSING OR PROTECTION OF ALL OPENINGS IN THE EXTERIOR WALLS, GROUND OR FIRST FLOORS, BASEMENTS, ROOFS AND FOUNDATIONS WITH MATERIAL IMPERVIOUS TO RAT GNAWING IN A MANNER TO PREVENT RATS FROM GAINING ENTRANCE.

**[[3]] 12.703 FOOD BUSINESSES MUST BE RAT-PROOFED**