

The said County Commissioners are not empowered by this act to prohibit the use of any land for agricultural purposes.

517. The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are authorized and empowered to provide for and to appoint a Zoning Commissioner, whose appointment shall be for a four year period subject to removal by the said County Commissioners upon the filing of written charges showing cause for such removal and following a public hearing or hearings on the said charges.

The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are authorized and empowered to impose upon the Zoning Commissioner the general duty of recommending to the said County Commissioners for enactment as hereinafter provided the regulations within and the boundaries of zones together with subsequent recommendations for amending the said zone regulations and boundaries, and the further general duty of administering as hereinafter provided the Zoning Law or Laws enacted by said County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County may not empower the said Zoning Commissioner to alter by his decision any zone regulations of boundaries promulgated by them under this Act.

518. The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are authorized and empowered to act as a Board of Zoning Appeals, and for acting as such Board each member of the Board of County Commissioners shall be paid \$25.00 per month. The Board of Zoning Appeals may adopt its own rules of procedure, which must not be inconsistent with this Act.

The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, when acting as a Board of Zoning Appeals, are authorized and empowered to hear and to take action on any appeal from a decision of the above named Zoning Commissioner. Appeals to the said Board may be made by any person, or official or board severally or individually aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Commissioner and hearings on such appeals shall be open to the public. At least seven (7) days prior to the date of such hearings notice shall be given to the owners of property contiguous to that property which is the subject of appeal. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall, for the purpose of such hearings, have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and to administer oaths and shall keep minutes of all such hearings. The Board shall act upon any such