

Recommendations for the amendment of the said zoning areas, boundaries and regulations may be proposed and submitted to said County Commissioners by the Zoning Commissioner or such recommendations may be prepared by any private individual or group and submitted in the form of a petition to the said County Commissioners, who will then refer such petition to the Zoning Commissioner allowing that official thirty days in which to recommend on and to return to the said County Commissioners for appropriate action the petition in question. Moreover, as authorized above in Section 520 of this Act, where the said amendment is petitioned by any private individual or group, the expense of advertising the below specified public hearing on the said amendment shall be borne by the petitioner or petitioners.

Upon receipt of the above-named recommendation for the establishment or the amendment of zoning areas, boundaries and regulations, including recommendations of the Zoning Commissioner on zoning amendments petitioned by private individuals or groups, the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall cause to be advertised in at least one paper of general circulation throughout the said County a notice of public hearing, which notice shall appear in the said paper at least thirty days prior to the date set for the said hearing and shall set forth the time and the place of the said hearing together with the times and places at which may be examined the maps showing the recommended zoning areas and boundaries and the text of the recommended regulations therein. In the case of recommended amendments to zoning areas, boundaries or regulations, additional notice prior to the hearing thereon may be given individually to owners of property contiguous to that property which is the subject of the said recommended amendment. At least thirty days following the first appearance of the above notice, the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall hold a public hearing or hearings on the recommendations submitted to them and shall, at the conclusion thereof, take appropriate action on the said recommendation.

The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are alone empowered to promulgate or to amend zoning areas, zoning boundaries or zoning regulations.

522. As above provided, the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are authorized and empowered to impose upon the Zoning Commissioner the general duty of administering the Zoning Law or Laws promulgated by them under this Act. For the purposes of such administration no building or structure may be repaired, altered or constructed in Anne Arundel County except as specifically authorized through the