

Captain or Lieutenant of any of the several Volunteer Fire Companies of Howard County shall be of the opinion that on or in any public buildings, stores, warehouses or any other structures or premises used for commercial purposes within the limits of the County of Howard, any rubbish, debris, waste, inflammable or combustible material found thereupon or therein is not so deposited or arranged as to afford a reasonable safeguard against the danger of fire or from fire, or that the articles, materials, goods, wares and merchandise found on or in said premises, buildings or structures are so deposited or arranged that the occupants thereof or persons on or in the same would not, because of such disposition and arrangement, be afforded reasonable access to the exits from said premises, buildings or structures in case of fire or that by reason of such disposition or arrangement the members of the several Fire Companies of Howard County would be unnecessarily and unreasonably interfered with or obstructed in the exercise of their duties in and about such premises, buildings or structures in the event of fire on or in the same, then it shall be their duty, and they are hereby directed to immediately make a detailed report, in writing, of such conditions so found to the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County, and it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners, if in the judgment of said Board such condition is found to exist, to immediately give notice, in writing, to the owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, of such premises, buildings or structures whereon or wherein such condition has been found to exist, warning such interested person or persons of the existence of such conditions so found, and giving an apt description of the same; and said Board may also order, in writing, that such conditions be avoided, abated, corrected or removed within the time and in the manner prescribed in said notice, and if such owner or owners, occupier, or occupiers, his, her or their agent or agents consider themselves aggrieved by such order, he, she or they, or if a body corporate, it may, within three days after the receipt of said notice, appeal to the said Board of County Commissioners of Howard County, in writing, for the revocation of said order, whereupon said Board shall grant a hearing, which hearing shall be had upon said application within three days; and if said order be not revoked by said Board of County Commissioners and the said owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, his, her or their agent or agents, shall neglect or refuse to comply with the terms of said order, the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County is hereby directed and empowered to remove or correct the dangerous conditions mentioned in said notice at the expense of said owner or owners, occupier or occupiers,