

VETOES

(6) "PERSON OF ELIGIBLE INCOME" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY WHO LACKS SUFFICIENT INCOME OR ASSETS TO PURCHASE OR RENT A DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY DWELLING WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

(B) THE PERCENTAGE OF DWELLING UNITS THAT IS CONSIDERED A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION AND THE AMOUNT OF INCOME OR ASSETS THAT IS REQUIRED FOR A DETERMINATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS A PERSON OF ELIGIBLE INCOME:

(1) SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LOCAL LAW OR REGULATION;
AND

(2) AS PROVIDED BY LOCAL LAW OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION, MAY VARY DUE TO CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVING THE ELDERLY, THE HANDICAPPED, AND OTHER PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, OR PARTICULAR PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, OR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITHIN HOWARD COUNTY.

(C) THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HOWARD COUNTY CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC, EXERCISING PUBLIC AND ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS, AND HAVING ALL THE POWERS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS AND PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE AND LOCAL LAW.

(D) (1) THE AUTHORITY HAS 5 OR MORE COMMISSIONERS, AS DETERMINED BY LOCAL LAW, APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXERCISES THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE.

(2) TWO OF THE COMMISSIONERS MAY BE OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF HOWARD COUNTY AND MAY SERVE AS EX OFFICIO VOTING MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

(3) THE TERM OF A COMMISSIONER SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LOCAL LAW.

(E) THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT EXERCISE A POWER ENUMERATED IN THIS ARTICLE UNTIL THE GOVERNING BODY OF HOWARD COUNTY AUTHORIZES ITS USE BY LOCAL LAW AND ADOPTS ANY RULE APPROPRIATE FOR THE USE OF THE POWER.

(F) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS ENUMERATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ARTICLE, IF AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF HOWARD COUNTY BY LOCAL LAW AND ANY NECESSARY RULES, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

(1) MAKE MORTGAGE LOANS, RENT SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, OR MORTGAGE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME;

(2) MAKE CONSTRUCTION LOANS OR LONG-TERM MORTGAGE