

be issued by such officials and that the Clerk to the County Commissioners shall furnish to such town officials sufficient building permit blanks for this purpose. It shall be the duty of such town official to issue permits in the town or municipality under his jurisdiction, as set forth in this section, these permits to be issued in quadruplicate, one copy to be retained by the applicant, one to be sent to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, one to be sent to the County Assessor and one to be retained by the official issuing the permit. One-half of the permit fee shall be retained by the official of the town or municipality issuing the permit, the other half to be sent to the Clerk to the County Commissioners. Provided, however, that permit blanks shall be mailed on request by the Clerk to the County Commissioners to any person who desires to construct or repair any building or buildings in said county, but no person shall actually construct or repair any building or buildings until the permit blanks have been returned to the Clerk to the County Commissioners and approved by him and permit actually issued. Failure to mail or receive the blanks or permits shall not affect in any way prosecutions under the provisions of this Act. That it is the purpose and intention of this section to require all persons who contemplate building, altering, constructing, re-constructing, remodeling any and all buildings of any nature, kind and description, before so doing to obtain a permit from the clerk to the County Commissioners or the proper town or municipal official and if any person shall proceed in the building, erecting, constructing, re-constructing or remodeling any building where the cost of same shall be in excess of the sum of two hundred dollars without first having made application and having obtained a permit therefor; it then and there shall be the duty of the constituted authorities of said county or said town to immediately swear out a warrant for said person, or persons and have him or them taken before some Justice of the Peace of said county whose duty it shall be to try said person or persons and if upon conviction by said Justice of the Peace he shall fine said person or persons not more than fifty dollars and not less than ten dollars, and he or they shall stand committed to the Prince George's County Jail until said fine and costs are paid, not to exceed an imprisonment of thirty days, one-half of said fine to be paid to the informer.

This section shall not apply to necessary repairs on buildings in said county where the cost of said repairs does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.