

to be sent to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, one to be sent to the Supervisor of Assessments, and one to be retained by the officials issuing the permit, and it shall be and become the duty of the officials of any incorporated town who have issued said permits as herein required, to make return within three days after the issuance of the same to the proper parties, of the copies of the permits herein required. That permit blanks shall be mailed on request by the Clerk to the County Commissioners to any person, firm or corporation who desires to erect, contract, remodel or repair any building or buildings as herein provided, but no such person, firm or corporation shall actually begin the erection, construction, remodeling or repair of any building or buildings until the permit blanks have been returned to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, and approved by him, and the permit actually issued. Failure to mail or receive the blank or permits herein provided for shall in no way affect prosecutions under the provisions of this Act. It is the purpose and intention of this section to require all persons, firms or corporations who contemplate erecting or constructing, or remodeling or repairing any and all buildings of any nature, kind or description, before doing so, to obtain a permit as in this Act provided, but no charge shall be made for any permit. And if any person, firm or corporation shall proceed to erect, construct, remodel or repair any building where the value of the same, as to new buildings, shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or more at the time of completion, or the cost of remodeling or repairing any building, the value of which after completion shall exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), without first having made application for and obtained the permit as herein provided, it shall then be and become the duty of the County Commissioners, through their clerk, or the town officials, as the case may be, to immediately swear out a warrant for said person, firm or corporation, and have him or them taken before some justice of the peace of said county, whose duty it shall be to try said person, firm or corporation, who, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and shall stand committed to the Cecil County Jail until said fine and costs are paid, not to exceed an imprisonment of thirty days, the said fine so imposed to be paid over to the County Commissioners of Cecil County.