

to have the force and effect of law, and to be known as the "Building Code." Any violation of any of the provisions thereof or the erection, alteration or repair of any building without a permit as hereinafter provided, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punishable, upon conviction, by fine of not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or a sentence of thirty days in the County Jail, or both, at the discretion of the court. Before said Building Code shall become effective, the said Commission shall cause to be mimeographed, or printed, the necessary number of copies thereof for general distribution, and shall advertise in the county papers published within said District for three successive issues the fact that the Building Code has been adopted, and that copies thereof may be obtained from said Commission, without charge. Said Building Code shall become effective on a certain day to be named by said Commission, which effective date must be stated in said advertisement.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no building within the said District as heretofore described, shall be erected, altered or repaired without the owner, contractor, or other interested person, first securing from said Commission a permit to erect, alter or repair the same, and paying the fee therefor to be fixed by said Commission, and any violation thereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Commission is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a suitable person as a building inspector, whose duties shall be defined by said Commission, and whose compensation shall be fixed by said Commission. The salary of said inspector and all other expenses for clerical help or assistance that may be deemed desirable by said Commission, as well as all other expenses in connection with the office of said building inspector, shall be paid from the receipts from building permits, and any surplus received from fees for permits, after the payment of expenses incident to said office, shall be paid, quarterly, to the County Commissioners for Prince George's County, to be applied by them toward the rent, maintenance and operation of the Metropolitan District Building.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the imme-