

but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable traveling expenses incurred for attendance at meetings, inspections and other service.

The District Council may provide and specify in its zoning regulations general rules to govern the organization and procedure of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which rules shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and the Board may adopt, from time to time, supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with this Act or such general rules. The Board or the chairman or other officer thereof may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses.

The headquarters office and meeting place of the Board shall be in the City of Annapolis, but it may meet, hold hearings and make decisions at other places in the District. It shall meet at least once a month and may hold additional meetings at the call of the chairman or as the Board may determine. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the Board and shall be a public record.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted,* That the District Council shall provide in its zoning regulations, to such degree and upon such terms and conditions as may be set forth in its zoning regulations, for the continuation of an existing lawful non-conforming use, for the extension of a lawful non-conforming use throughout a part or whole of a building in which such non-conforming use lawfully exists or for the substitution of a similar non-conforming use for an existing lawful non-conforming use or for the restoration or reconstruction of an existing lawful non-conforming use where through fire or other calamity such use has been destroyed to the extent of not more than 75% of the reconstruction value of the building in which such lawful non-conforming use was carried on or for an extension of an existing lawful non-conforming use on the same lot as such lot existed as a single lot under single ownership at the time of the enactment of the regulation which made the then existing use on such lot non-conforming.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted,* That the District Council may, in its zoning regulations, empower the Board of Zoning Appeals, in appropriate cases and situations and subject to appropriate principles, standards, rules, conditions and safeguards set forth in the regulations, make special exceptions to the uniform provisions of the zoning regulations in harmony with their general purposes and intent. The District