

said Code, title "Prince Georges County", sub-title "Maryland Washington Metropolitan District") and in force at the date of the taking effect of this Act, including the maps which at said date accompany and are a part of said regulations, shall be deemed to have been made, enacted and in force under this Act and shall be and continue in force and effect until and as they may be amended by said District Councils respectively as authorized by this Act.

SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted*, That no building or other structure shall be erected or structurally altered in the District without the issuance of a building permit, and no such permit shall be given except in conformity with the provisions of this Act and of the regulations enacted by the respective District Councils. Construction or structural alteration of a building or structure shall not begin until and unless the building permit be approved by the Commission as to zoning requirements and as to the requirements of Section 15 of this Act; provided, however, that no building permit shall be required for buildings and structures to be used exclusively for purposes of agriculture upon land used exclusively for agriculture. The beginning of any construction whatsoever of a building or other structure within the District without securing the approval of a building permit by this Commission as herein provided, is hereby declared a misdemeanor and punishable as other misdemeanors are punishable under Section 27 of this Act. In any part of the District in which there does not now exist provision of law or ordinance designating an administrative official by whom building permits are to be issued, the appropriate District Council shall designate such official.

A District Council may provide in its zoning regulations for the issuance of use and occupancy permits and for certificates by means of which zoning questions may be raised previous to the preparation of all such structural specifications of a building as may be requisite for a complete building permit.

SEC. 26. *And be it further enacted*, That the construction, reconstruction, erection, structural alteration or use of any building or other structure or the use of land or premises in violation of any of the provisions of this Act or of any of the provisions of any regulation enacted under this Act or of any decision made under this Act is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor. The wilful issuance of a building, use or occupancy permit in violation of any such provision or decision is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor. The Commission, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery or Prince