

146B. The County Commissioners are further authorized and empowered by resolution or ordinance to adopt and from time to time to amend a Fire Prevention Code and other rules and regulations to provide (1) for protection against fires and for the prevention, abatement and removal of fire and life hazards (2) for the powers and duties of the Fire Prevention Bureau, (3) for the incorporation by reference into said Code of any code or part thereof prepared by any governmental agency or any trade or professional association for general distribution in printed form as a standard or model on any subject, relating to fire prevention, fire hazards or flammable or dangerous substances, provided that subsequent amendments to any such model or standard code shall not be effective until specifically incorporated into such Fire Prevention Code, (4) for the procedures for the enforcement of the provisions of said Code and for penalties for the violation of said Fire Prevention Code and any order issued under the authority thereof and any ordinance, resolution or regulation for the prevention of fires or for the prevention, abatement or removal of fire hazards.

The County Commissioners may exercise all or any part of the powers granted hereunder, but no rule or regulation adopted by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County under any of said powers shall be deemed valid or effective until the same shall have been formally adopted by the County Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice of the adoption of the rules and regulations shall have been published at least two times thereafter in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Baltimore County. Said notice may in the sole and absolute discretion of the County Commissioners contain a brief and concise statement or short summary of the rules and regulations adopted. After formal adoption of the rules and regulations and publication of notice as herein provided all persons shall be deemed and taken to have notice thereof and no actual notice need be proven. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to cause said rules and regulations to be available at their office for inspection by the public at any time and the County Commissioners are authorized to have printed and made available for public distribution such number of copies of any rule and regulation so adopted as they may deem necessary and proper and may require the payment of a reasonable charge for any printed copy so furnished. A printed certificate by the Secretary of the County Commissioners that any rules and regulations have been adopted pursuant to the authority of this section and that a copy of the rules and regulations to which the certificate is attached is a true and correct copy shall be deemed and taken as sufficient to permit the introduction of such rules and regulations as prima facie evidence of their