

Commissioners and the residents of Montgomery County on all matters pertaining to public utilities and public transportation services affecting the said County and its residents, before the Public Service Commission of Maryland, the public utilities authorities of the District of Columbia, or the Federal Government, and before the various public and private utility agencies which now or may hereafter serve said County and the residents thereof. In addition to the duties hereinbefore prescribed said Public Utility Agent shall advise and represent said Board of County Commissioners on matters pertaining to rates of service, and in connection therewith to investigate the service given by, the rates charged by, and the valuation of the properties of, the various public utilities and transportation services now or hereafter serving said County and its residents. Such Public Utility Agent shall be a lawyer with reasonable public utility and corporate experience, as well as reasonable experience in governmental administration, and he shall serve on a part-time basis and hold office at the pleasure of and receive such salary as the said Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County may provide.

It shall be requisite of said Public Utility Agent that he shall maintain regularly advertised office hours in either the Bethesda or Silver Spring County Buildings and shall make a continuous effort to coordinate, advise and guide the residents of the many separate communities within Montgomery County in their efforts to obtain improved public services, and he shall cooperate and assist in the preparation of all procedure and rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and control of taxicabs within Montgomery County as now or hereafter may be provided by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any and all public local laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 1049.

(House Bill 740)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 282 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Dogs", as the same was enacted by Section 1 of Chapter 717, Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of