

Board and the Attorney shall receive such compensation as may be provided in the county budget.

(b) The Board of Zoning Appeals may adopt its own rules of procedure, which must not be inconsistent with this sub-title. The Board of Zoning Appeals is empowered to hear and to take action on any appeal from a decision of the above named Zoning Commissioner. Appeals to the said Board may be made by any person, or official or board severally or individually aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Commissioner and hearings on such appeals shall be open to the public. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall, for the purpose of such hearings, have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and to administer oaths and shall keep minutes of all such hearings. The Board shall act upon any such appeal by resolution, with at least two members concurring, and may affirm or reverse, in part or in toto, the decision appealed from. Such resolutions shall be in writing and shall contain a statement as to the basis for the decision, which decision must be based on the correctness or incorrectness of the decision appealed from or upon an interpretation of the zoning map or of disputed boundary lines or upon the necessity for modifying the decision appealed from in order to permit the extension of a lawful non-conforming use throughout the same lot or building, or in order to permit the restoration of a lawful non-conforming use where the same has been partially destroyed, or in order to provide succour where undue hardship and the practical difficulty of an exact compliance with the law can be shown due to exceptional topography, or lot shape or other exceptional circumstance.

(c) The County Commissioners or the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Zoning Commissioner shall not issue any permit for any proposed construction, reconstruction, extension, repairs or alterations when the proposed construction, reconstruction, extension, repairs or alterations fall within any of the Airport Zoning Districts of the Friendship International Airport as set out on the airport zoning maps for the Friendship International Airport recorded in the Land Record Office of Anne Arundel County until the applicant has been issued an airport zoning permit by the Baltimore City-Anne Arundel County Airport Zoning Board.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.