

termine from time to time to be reasonable and proper, and said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to levy such sum or sums on the assessable property of Howard County as shall be necessary to pay said salaries and expenses.

33B. The County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized and empowered to fix a schedule of fees or charges for the issuance of permits for the erection, construction, repair, alteration, remodeling, removal or demolition, of any buildings or structures, or parts thereof, in Howard County, and from time to time to increase or decrease any of such fees or charges as it may deem proper and necessary. After the effective date of this Act, no building or structure of any kind, or part thereof, shall be erected, constructed, repaired, altered, remodeled, removed or demolished in Howard County without first obtaining a permit in writing signed by the Buildings Engineer of Howard County, and paying the requisite fee or charge therefor. The Buildings Engineer of Howard County shall provide application forms which shall contain such requests for information as he may determine to be necessary. No application for a permit shall be considered and no permit granted unless and until all information required by the Buildings Engineer is supplied, and plans and specifications showing the nature and character of the work to be done and of the building or structure, or portion thereof, to be erected, constructed, repaired, altered, remodeled, removed, or demolished, provided that it shall not be necessary to file plans and specifications in connection with any application for a permit for work costing less than \$500, nor where such filing is waived for cause by the Buildings Engineer. The Buildings Engineer shall account for the pay over monthly to the Treasurer of Howard County all funds received from the issuance of permits, which said monies shall be expended by the County Commissioners of Howard County as a part of the general funds of said County. Whenever the Buildings Engineer shall refuse to grant a permit to an applicant, he shall certify his reasons therefor in writing to the County Commissioners of Howard County, and the said County Commissioners shall grant or refuse such permit by an order in writing. Within fifteen days, and not longer, after an order refusing an application for a permit, the applicant shall be entitled to appeal to the Circuit Court for Howard County, which Court, sitting without a Jury, shall hear and determine all matters relating to the application de novo, and the decision of said Court shall be final. Such appeal shall be instituted by filing in said Court a petition, a copy of which shall be served on the County Commissioners of Howard County, which said petition shall set forth in clear and concise terms the grounds for the appeal. The County Commissioners