

Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition), being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore County," sub-title "Public Works," sub-heading "Zoning," providing for an appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland from any decision of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County reviewing a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals of said county and providing for the awarding of costs of such appeal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-section (g) of Section 366 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition), being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore County," sub-title "Public Works," sub-heading "Zoning," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

(g) If, upon the hearing, it shall appear to the court that testimony is necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, it may take evidence or appoint a referee to take such evidence as it may direct and report the same to the court with his findings of fact and conclusions of law, which shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made.

The court shall have the power to affirm the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, or reverse the same, in whole or in part, and may remand any case for the entering of a proper order or for further proceedings, as the court shall determine. All issues in any proceedings under this section shall have the preference over all other civil actions and proceedings.

*An appeal may be taken to the Court of Appeals of Maryland from any decision of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County reviewing a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals. In such cases the Court of Appeals shall not award costs of the appeal against any party to the appeal except the appellant.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 27, 1953.