

structures, or superstructures in the Regional District in Prince George's County that are or may become dangerous, or to require owners to move them or to put them in a safe and sound condition at their own expense; (5) to regulate the building and maintenance of party walls, partitions, fences, parapet and fire walls, smoke flues, fire places, hot-air flues, boilers, kettles, smoke stacks, and stove pipes in that portion of the Regional District, and the storage of gasoline and other combustibles or explosives therein; (6) to provide for and regulate the safe construction, inspection, and repair of all private and public buildings within that portion of the Regional District; (7) to regulate, restrain, or prohibit the erection of wooden or frame buildings within the present limits of that portion of the Regional District or any thickly populated portion of the Regional District and to remove the same at the owner's expense, when erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as it may adopt; (8) to regulate the height, construction, and inspection of all new buildings hereafter erected in that portion of the Regional District; (9) to regulate the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect steps, porticoes, bay windows, or other structural ornaments to houses fronting on any of the highways, streets, avenues, lanes, or alleys of that portion of the Regional District; (10) to regulate the materials used and the manner of installing any and all systems of electric wiring, piping, conduit laying in any building, and to regulate the location, manner of installation, size, and area per lot of all advertising structures and to restrict the projection of the same over public property; and (11) generally to adopt and enforce, for the whole of that portion of the Regional District or for thickly populated portions thereof, all necessary regulations or rules for the foregoing purposes; and (12) to prescribe fines and penalties for violations thereof.

(b) *Manner of adoption.*—No such rules and regulations so adopted by the County Commissioners of Prince Georges County shall be deemed valid or effective until they have been formally adopted by the County Commissioners at a regular meeting and recorded in a book kept at its office for that purpose. Prior to the adoption of any such rules and regulations, the Board shall cause to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in that portion of the Regional District to be affected by any such rules and regulations, notice of the date, place, and time of the meeting of the Board at which any such rules and regulations shall be presented for adoption, said notice stating that at such meeting a hearing will be held on the proposed rules and regulations, at which hearing an opportunity will be given to all persons having an interest therein to express their views with respect thereto. The notice shall indicate briefly the nature of the rules or regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed; or if a complete and comprehensive Building Code is to be considered for adoption, a statement to that effect shall be sufficient. The notice shall be published at least once in each of two consecutive weeks next preceding the date of the meeting, but the Board may, in its discretion, provide for more extensive notification.

(c) *Notice and distribution of regulations.*—Following the adoption of any such rules or regulations, it is the duty of the County Commissioners of Prince George's County to cause the rules and