

erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as they may adopt; to regulate and establish the size of bricks and thickness of walls that are to be used in buildings and structures, or parts thereof, to be built or rebuilt in Howard County; to provide for the entry into and examination of all buildings, lots, yards, enclosures and cars, boats and vehicles of every description to ascertain their condition for health, cleanliness and safety; to take down and remove, or make safe and secure, any and all buildings, walls, structures, or superstructures, at the expense of the owners thereof, that are or may become dangerous or that are erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as they may adopt or to require said owners or agents to take down and remove them, or put them in a safe and sound condition, all at their own expense; to make any and all expenses and costs incurred by the County Commissioners of Howard County, in, about, and by reason of the taking down and removal, or the making safe and secure of all buildings, walls, structures, or superstructures, as aforesaid, a lien upon the land or improvements, or both, and to provide for the enforcement of such liens by sale of the property, whether real or personal, or by suit at law for all such expenses or any deficit after sale as aforesaid; to regulate the building and maintenance of party walls, partitions, fences, parapet and fire walls, smoke flues, fireplaces, hot air flues, boilers, kettles, furnaces, smokestacks and stovepipes; to provide for the inspection and regulation of the safe construction, erection, repair, alteration, remodeling, removal or demolition, in any manner, of all private and public buildings or structures, or parts thereof; and to compel the consumption and prevention of smoke and to make such regulations as may be deemed necessary to prevent the same from becoming deleterious or offensive to health; to regulate the height, construction and inspection of all new buildings or structures, or parts thereof, hereafter erected in Howard County and the alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any buildings or structures, or parts thereof, already erected, or hereafter to be erected in Howard County; to regulate the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect steps, porticoes, bay windows or other structural ornaments or adjuncts to houses fronting on any of the highways, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of Howard County; to regulate and provide for the inspection of materials used and the manner of installing any and all systems of electric wiring, piping, or conduit laying in any building or structure, or part thereof, provided, that nothing herein shall apply to any corporation subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and generally to adopt and enforce for the whole of Howard County or for thickly populated portions thereof, all necessary rules and regulations for any or all the foregoing purposes. *The County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized and empowered, by resolution, to transfer and delegate to the Howard County Metropolitan Commission the power and duty to enforce the portion of the above mentioned rules and regulations adopted by said County Commissioners of Howard County for the construction, installation and equipment of gas fixtures, devices, and connections from the outlet of the meter supplying any building constructed or to be constructed in Howard County and, in order to enable said Commission properly to enforce said rules and regulations, the County Commissioners of Howard County shall include in any such delegation the*