

of ownership or building development, or, if a new street is involved, any division of a parcel of land [.] ; *provided that IN CASE OF a division of land into lots or parcels of five (5) or more acres and not involving a new street shall not be deemed a subdivision. AND MAY BE EXCEPTED THEREFROM BY A PETITION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF HOWARD COUNTY.* The term includes resubdivision and, when appropriate to the context, shall relate to the process of subdividing or to the land subdivided.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 775

(House Bill 684)

AN ACT to add eleven new sections under the new subheading "Redevelopment—Urban Renewal" to the Charter of the City of Laurel, as said Charter is contained in the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition, as amended, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Laurel," to authorize and empower the Mayor and City Council of Laurel to carry out urban renewal projects, the redevelopment and rehabilitation of slum or blighted areas, including the acquisition of property for such purposes with certain provisions in regard to such acquisition by the exercise of the power of eminent domain; declaring such activities to constitute functions in furtherance of which the Mayor and City Council of Laurel may exercise the power of taxation, spend public funds and extend public credit; granting to the Mayor and City Council of Laurel certain additional powers and authority necessary or proper to carry into full force or effect the powers hereinabove mentioned and to place certain restrictions and limitations on certain powers granted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That eleven new sections be and they are hereby added to the Charter of the City of Laurel as said Charter is contained in the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition, as amended, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Laurel," to be under the new subheading "Redevelopment—Urban Renewal," and all to read as follows:*

*Redevelopment—Urban Renewal*

*1. Definitions.*

*(a) The following terms wherever used or referred to in this subheading shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context:*

*(b) "Federal Government" shall include the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of America.*