

Planning Commission and relating generally to the procedures and the requirements for approval.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 161 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle "Planning and Subdivision Control," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

161.

(a) Whenever the Commission shall have adopted the master plan of the County or of one or more major sections or districts thereof, no street, square, park or other public way, ground, or open space, or public building or structure, or public utility, whether publicly or privately owned, shall be constructed or authorized in the County, or in such planned section and district, until the location, character, and extent thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the Commission; provided, that in case of disapproval the Commission shall communicate its reason to the County Commissioners, who shall have the power to overrule such disapproval by a recorded vote of not less than two-thirds of its entire membership.

(b) *The Planning Commission shall have power and authority to make such investigations, maps, reports and recommendations in connection therewith, relating to the planning and physical development of the County, as it deems desirable. The Planning Commission shall annually prepare a six-year capital improvement program for streets, highways, water and sewer facilities, storm drains, buildings, parks, playgrounds, schools and other public facilities and structures. The six-year capital improvement program shall consist of an annual capital budget and a five-year capital improvement program, which is a long-range list of proposed capital projects. The Planning Commission may use the facilities of all County departments for the collection of data and shall receive the recommendations from all County Departments on or before September 1st of each year NOT LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR concerning their capital improvement needs before the six-year capital improvement program is prepared. The Planning Commission shall consult with the heads of all County departments before final action is taken on the six-year capital improvement program. The six-year capital improvement program, after approval by the Planning Commission, shall be submitted to the County Commissioners not later than October 1st of each year THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. The Planning Commission shall also submit not later than October 1st of each year THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, recommendations for the annual capital budget for the following year to the County Commissioners.*

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

Approved April 17, 1963.