

considered and no permit and/or certificate of occupancy granted unless and until all information requested by the Housing Administrator is supplied. The information shall be limited to the number of dwelling units or rooming units per structure; the number of families and the occupants per dwelling unit or rooming unit; the number and kinds of uses for which such structure or building will be used; and such structural data as he may deem necessary, provided that it shall not be necessary to make application or obtain a permit and/or a certificate of occupancy for any owner-occupied structure *or building containing no more than two dwelling units* nor where such permit and/or certificate of occupancy is waived for cause by the Housing Administrator. The Housing Administrator shall account for and pay over daily to the Treasurer of Howard County all funds received from the issuance of permits and/or certificates of occupancy, which said monies shall be expended by the County Commissioners of Howard County as a part of the general funds of said county. Whenever the Housing Administrator shall refuse to grant a permit and/or certificate of occupancy to an applicant, he shall certify his reasons therefor in writing to the County Commissioners of Howard County, and the said County Commissioners shall grant or refuse such permit or certificate of occupancy by an order in writing. Within fifteen days, and not longer, after an order refusing the issuance of an application for a permit and/or certificate of occupancy, the applicant shall be entitled to appeal to the Circuit Court for Howard County; which Court, sitting without a jury, shall hear and determine all matters relating to the application *de novo*, and the decision of said Court shall be final. Such appeal shall be instituted by filing in said Court, a petition, a copy of which shall be served on the County Commissioners of Howard County, which said petition shall set forth in clear and concise terms the grounds for appeal. The County Commissioners shall promptly certify and file a complete transcript of the record in the case, upon payment of all costs for preparation of same by the appellant.

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(a) The County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby given power and authority to provide for entry into, inspection and examination of all buildings, lots, yards, and vehicles of every description. [With the consent of the owner] after giving him *prior written* [due] notice of *five days*, 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 such 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; and generally to adopt and enforce for the whole of Howard County all necessary rules and regulations for any and all the foregoing