

purposes. The County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt a Housing Code for Howard County and to incorporate into the Housing Code of Howard County specifications and data by reference to the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, the Howard County Building Code, and the rules and regulations of the Metropolitan Commission, and data so referred to shall have the same force and effect as if printed in its entirety in the said Housing Code of Howard County.

(b) The County Commissioners may exercise all or any part of the powers granted hereunder, but no rules and regulations adopted by the County Commissioners of Howard County under the said powers shall be deemed valid or effective unless the same shall have been formally adopted by the said County Commissioners at a regular meeting held after the holding of a public hearing, said [meeting] *hearing* to be duly advertised for three weeks in advance in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county, and notice of the adoption of rules and regulations shall thereafter have been published at least two times in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Howard County. Said notice may, in the sole and absolute discretion of the County Commissioners, contain a brief and concise statement or short summary of the rules and regulations adopted. After formal adoption of rules and regulations and publication of notice as herein provided, all persons shall be deemed and taken to have notice thereof and no actual notice need be proven. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to cause said rules and regulations to be available at its office for inspection by the public at any time, and the County Commissioners are authorized to have printed and made available for public distribution such number of copies of any rules and regulations so adopted, as they may deem necessary and proper, and may require the payment of a reasonable charge for any printed copies so furnished. A printed certificate by the Chief Clerk of the County Commissioners that any rules and regulations have been adopted pursuant to the authority of this section, and that a copy of the rules and regulations to which the certificate is attached is a true and correct copy, shall be deemed and taken as sufficient to permit the introduction of such rules and regulations as prima facie evidence of their existence in any judicial proceedings. All powers, privileges, restrictions, duties and discretion vested in or imposed upon the County Commissioners with respect to the adoption of any rules or regulations, hereunder, shall apply with equal force and effect to the change, repeal or amendment of any or all of said rules and regulations, in whole or in part.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 900

(House Bill 935)

~~AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18 (k) of Article 2-B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition~~