

County, including procedures for enforcement, inspection and determination thereof and penalties for violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 253 through 255L, inclusive, be and are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle and to read as follows:*

*253.*

*It is the purpose of this subtitle to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by regulating the emission of air pollutants, such as smoke, dust, particulate matter and others, into the atmosphere within Howard County.*

*254. For the purposes of this subtitle the following definitions shall apply:*

*a. Air Pollutant: Any substance the emission of which into the atmosphere causes air pollution. It may be in the form of a smoke, gas, dust, odor, particulate matter, or combinations of these but is not limited to this enumeration.*

*b. Air Pollution: The presence in the outdoor atmosphere of one or more substances or combinations thereof of such character, in such quantities, and of such duration as are or may tend to be injurious to human, plant or animal life, or property, or which unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, or with the conduct of business.*

*c. Nuisance: Environmental conditions, intermittent or continuous, produced or correctible by human agency, prejudicial to reasonable enjoyment of health, comfort, or safety by any individual or causing injury or damage to persons, property, or the conduct of business.*

*d. Odor: Property of a substance which stimulates the sense of smell.*

*e. Open fire: A fire in which any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle other than an approved boiler, furnace, incinerator or other equipment connected to an approved stack, which equipment is constructed in accordance with any requirements of the Building Code for Howard County.*

*f. Particulate Matter: Material, other than water, which is suspended in or discharged into the atmosphere in a finely-divided form as a liquid or solid.*

*g. Process Weight Per Hour: The total weight of all material introduced into any specific process which process may cause any discharge into the atmosphere. Solid fuels charged will be considered as part of the process weight, but liquid and gaseous fuels and combustion air will not. "The process weight per hour" will be derived by dividing the total process weight by the number of hours in one complete operation from the beginning of any given process*