

(r) No act, ordinance or resolution shall be adopted by the county commissioners, under the powers conferred by this section, until ten days after a public hearing has been held on the proposed act, ordinance, or resolution. Prior notice of such public hearing, together with a fair summary of the proposed act, ordinance, or resolution, shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county once each week for three successive weeks; provided that this subsection shall not apply to any administrative act or resolution adopted by the County Commissioners of Harford County. *This subsection shall apply to Washington County.*

(T) TO MAKE REASONABLE REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO BUILDINGS AND SIGNS TO BE ERECTED, CONSTRUCTED, OR RECONSTRUCTED IN THE COUNTY, AND TO GRANT BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE SAME; TO FORMULATE A BUILDING CODE, PLUMBING CODE, OR ELECTRICAL CODE AND TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTIONS FOR AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH CODES AND TO REQUIRE REASONABLE CHARGES FOR PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE THE INSPECTION OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF AS PROVIDED UNDER PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WHEN DANGEROUS OR INSECURE, AND TO REQUIRE THAT SUCH BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES BE MADE SAFE OR BE TAKEN DOWN; TO REQUIRE THE INSPECTION AND LICENSING OF ELEVATORS AND TO PROHIBIT THEIR USE WHEN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS OR WITHOUT A LICENSE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED OR PROMULGATED HEREUNDER SHALL NOT APPLY TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND DEVICES USED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES IN FURNISHING THEIR SERVICES OR TO WORK PERFORMED BY SUCH PUBLIC UTILITIES OR THEIR AFFILIATED COMPANIES. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE APPLICABLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HAVE THE POWERS PROVIDED HEREIN.

(U) TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC PARKS, GARDENS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND ENJOYMENT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE APPLICABLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HAVE THE POWERS PROVIDED HEREIN.

(V) TO REQUIRE, REGULATE, OR PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, GARBAGE, RUBBISH, FILTH, OR ANY OTHER MATTER OR THING THAT IS OR MAY BECOME INJURIOUS TO THE HEALTH OR COMFORT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE WHETHER THE EXPENSE, IF ANY, SHALL BE BORNE BY INDIVIDUAL OWNERS OR TENANTS OR SHALL BE PAID FOR IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE COUNTY. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE APPLICABLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HAVE THE POWERS PROVIDED HEREIN.