

(c) Before any regulation or regulations authorized by this article may be passed, the district council *or in Montgomery County, a Hearing Examiner OR BOARD*, shall hold a public hearing thereon and shall give notice of the time and place thereof by one insertion in two newspapers of general circulation respectively in the county in which the property is located. The insertions shall appear in such newspapers at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of hearing but not more than thirty-eight (38) days before the date of the hearing. During this thirty-day period, the text or copy of the text of the regulations, together with the map or maps forming part of or referred to in the regulations, shall be on file for public examination in the office of the county council of Montgomery County or in the office of the clerk to the county commissioners of Prince George's County. The cost of advertising in connection with publication of proposed amendments in the zoning regulations or maps shall be paid by the persons or corporations making application for such changes. [In Montgomery County, any member of the district council who is absent from a hearing or any part of a hearing held under this section must read and examine the evidence of record before voting on the subject matter of said hearing, and prior to a vote by a member who was absent for all or part of the hearing, he or she shall sign an affidavit to be included in the record that he or she has read the record or the part of the record that was made while he or she was absent. No member of the district council absent at any time shall vote unless such affidavit be signed; provided, however, that this act shall in no way repeal, amend or modify any other existing law, ordinance or regulation requiring the attendance of a council member at any hearing, meeting or function of the council.] *In Montgomery County, any member of the district council may vote on any application heard or reviewed by a Hearing Examiner OR BOARD, as provided hereinafter, without the necessity of either having attended the public hearing or having read the record file. However, any member who for any reason does not attend a hearing conducted only by the district council and not reviewed by a Hearing Examiner OR BOARD must read and initial the record file before voting on the application.*

(f)(1) *The County Council for Montgomery County, sitting as a district council, may appoint such full and part-time Hearing Examiners OR A BOARD as in its discretion may be deemed necessary and appropriate, and may delegate to the said Hearing Examiner or examiners OR BOARD the power to hold and conduct public hearings as required and set forth in subsection (c) herein.*

(2) *The Montgomery County Hearing Examiner or examiners OR MEMBERS OF BOARD shall be appointed for such term of office, possessed of such qualifications, and shall receive such compensation as may be required or provided by the County Council. No examiner OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD shall hold any other appointive or elective office or position in the county, State or federal government. Full time examiners OR BOARD MEMBERS shall devote all of their time to the duties of their office.*

(3) *The hearing on any application held by a Hearing Examiner OR BOARD shall be conducted in such manner, and subject to such rules and regulations, as may be provided by the district council. The district council may delegate to the Hearing Examiner OR BOARD the power to issue subpoenas for witnesses and/or documents and the*