

this requirement and to the powers of the Board of County Commissioners of that County in relation thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 11 be and it is 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 "Building Regulations and Buildings Engineer," to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof, and to read as follows:*

11.

(a) *Every person, firm, association, or corporation beginning the construction of a building or outside structure in Howard County and subsequently abandoning or terminating the project shall level off, fill in, or otherwise restore the plot of land being used to a reasonably smooth and even surface, without projecting portions of construction or unfilled excavations.*

(b) *Six months following an apparent abandonment or discontinuance of such a building or structure, the Board of County Commissioners shall investigate the situation and ascertain from the person, firm, association, or corporation which began the construction work if in fact it has been abandoned or terminated.*

(c) *If the Board ascertains that the construction work has in fact been abandoned or terminated, it shall order in writing that the person, firm, association, or corporation which began the construction work conform to the requirements of subsection (a) within sixty days after receiving the order. Failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor.*

(d) *If the Board ascertains that the construction work has been only temporarily suspended, for a reason which in the judgment of the Board is reasonable and probably unavoidable under the building, financial and other conditions applying to the project, it shall give written notice to the person, firm, association, or corporation which began the construction, of the provisions of this section. If the suspension of construction work continues for additional period of twelve months from the time of this notification, the construction work shall be deemed abandoned or terminated, and any further non-compliance with the requirements of subsection (a) is a misdemeanor.*

(e) *Any person, firm, association, or corporation convicted of a misdemeanor under this section is subject to a fine in an amount not in excess of one hundred dollars, plus the sum of five dollars for each day after conviction during which non-compliance with subsection (a) continues.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 14, 1967.