

*(j) Board of Airport Zoning Appeals.*

*(1) Created. There shall be a Board of Airport Zoning Appeals which shall have and exercise all of the powers contained in Section 16 of Article 1A, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

*(2) Members. The said Board of Airport Zoning Appeals shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the said Airport Zoning Board in the manner provided in Section 16 of the afore-said Article 1A, and said Board of Airport Zoning Appeals shall be subject to and shall comply with, all of the applicable terms and provisions contained in said Article and this subtitle.*

*(3) Qualifications. Three (3) members of said Board of Airport Zoning Appeals shall be residents of Anne Arundel County and the other two members of said Board shall be residents of the City of Baltimore. The Chairman of said Board shall be designated by the Airport Zoning Board. Vacancies on said Board shall be filled in the same manner as original members are appointed for the unexpired term of any member whose term becomes vacant and any member of said Board shall serve until his successor takes office.*

*(4) Employees; staff. The said Board of Zoning Appeals is hereby authorized to appoint a Secretary of said Board and such other assistants and employees as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties and business of said Board and all of said appointments shall be made pursuant to the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to or issued by the Maryland Airport Authority. The Authority shall furnish adequate office space for the proper functioning of said Board of Airport Zoning Appeals. The Chairman and all other members of said Board, as well as the said Secretary and all assistants and employees shall receive such compensation as may be authorized for such purpose by the Maryland Airport Authority.*

*(k) Same; powers. The Board of Airport Zoning Appeals, created in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Article 1A, Annotated Code of Maryland, is hereby authorized and empowered to hear, decide and grant specific variances from airport zoning regulations in cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship after public notice has been given and a hearing held in connection therewith. Any person desiring to erect any structure or increase the height of any structure, or permit the growth of any tree, or otherwise use his property, in violation of any airport zoning regulation, may make application in the manner provided in Section (i) hereof for a variance from the airport zoning regulations in question. In all applications for variance permits arising under said Section (i) the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals shall act as a fact finding body and as a guide to its decision shall give consideration, among other things, to the rules, regulations, restrictions, guides and standards set forth in the said Article, in this subtitle and in the airport zoning rules and regulations, and especially to the following:*

*(1) The guides and standards set forth in Section (d) of this section;*

*(2) The height and width or proposed height and width and use or proposed use of the particular structure or tree in connection with which a variance from the airport zoning regulations is being requested;*