

nection 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 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.】

⌋(d) (C) Referral to incorporated municipalities. Before the district council of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County and Prince George's County may amend the zoning ordinance of either county by changing the zoning classification of property within any incorporated municipality, the application for such change shall be referred to the governing body of such incorporated municipality for its recommendation, allowing such governing body if it be within the confines of Prince George's County sixty (60) days in which to make its recommendation; provided, that in Montgomery County a two-thirds majority of all the members of the district council shall be required before said council may change the zoning classification of property within any incorporated municipality contrary to the recommendation of such municipality thereon. For purposes of this section the term "incorporated municipality" shall include any city, town, village, or any special taxing area which has an elected local governing body and performs general municipal functions.⌋

⌋(c) (D) ⌋(e) Availability of records. All applications for zoning map amendments, and all official correspondence and records relating thereto, prepared or received by the Commission, shall be made available to the public during regular business hours during working days of the Commission, provided that the Commission may publish rules to prevent such access from unreasonably disrupting its official business. However, under any circumstances, copies of technical staff reports shall be available at the office of the Commission for the public.

⌋(f) Procedure in Montgomery County. (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.