

25A, and to the extent that any of the provisions of this [subtitle] article may be inconsistent with or contrary to any local laws, ordinances, or regulations adopted by virtue of or pursuant to such express powers, such provisions of this [subtitle] article shall not apply to the chartered counties of Maryland.

### [36]

#### 7.04 Severability Clause

If any clause, sentence, part or parts of this [subtitle] article, or of any section thereof shall be held unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this [subtitle] article or of any section thereof. The legislature hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining parts of this [subtitle] article or any section thereof, if it had known such clause, sentence, part or parts of any section thereof should be declared unconstitutional.

### [37]

#### 7.05 Repeal of Inconsistent Law

Except as otherwise provided herein, all acts and parts of acts, laws and parts of laws, ordinances and parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith or contrary hereto, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, provided, however, that [Sections 1-9] Section 2.00 and all laws and ordinances passed pursuant thereto shall not be affected hereby, and that this [subtitle] article shall be deemed to be in addition to said [Sections 1-9] Section 2.00 and not in substitution therefor.

### [38]

#### 8.00 Historic Area Zoning

##### 8.01 Declaration of Public Purpose

(a) The preservation of structures of historic and architectural value is a public purpose in this State. The board of county commissioners or county council of every county in the State and the mayor and city council, by whatever name known, of every municipal corporation in this State and the mayor and city council of Baltimore City have power by ordinance or resolution to regulate the construction, alteration, repair, moving and demolition of such structures within their respective limits. Hereafter in this [subtitle] section such counties and municipal corporations are referred to as "county" or "counties" or "municipal corporation" as the case may be.

(b) The purpose of an ordinance or resolution in any county or municipal corporation shall be (1) to safeguard the heritage of the county or municipal corporation by preserving the district therein which reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history; (2) to stabilize and improve property values in such a district; (3) to foster civic beauty; (4) to strengthen the local economy; and (5) to promote the use and preservation of historic districts for the education, welfare, and pleasure of the residents of the county or municipal corporation.

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#### 8.02 Power to Establish Districts