

shall designate one member of the range approval committee to serve as chairman. One ex officio member shall be an employee of the division of police protection. The committee shall issue target, trap and skeet range and shooting area approval certificates which certificates may specify the type of gun or ammunition which may be used on such range or area. Any such approval certificate shall be valid for eighteen months after its issuance, and shall be issued only upon a finding by a majority of the committee that the discharge of guns upon such ranges or area will not jeopardize life or property. No range or area shooting certificate shall be issued except upon the written application of the owner, lessee or person lawfully in possession of the land upon which is located the range or area sought to be licensed or approved. All certificates shall be retained by the range approval committee as part of its permanent records.

*Section 21.* Section 113-2, Chapter 113, title "Elm Disease," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

**113-2. Administration and enforcement of chapter.**

The county forester is hereby charged with the responsibility for administration and enforcement of this chapter.

*Section 22. Severability.*

The provisions of this Article are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Article or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Article would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the Article or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

*Section 23. Effective date.*

This Act shall take effect on December 7, 1970.

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**Chapter 36**  
**(Bill No. 37-69)**

An Act to amend Chapter 2, title "Administration," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, the title of Article II, title "Powers of Council Generally," subsection (a) of Section 2-17, title "Corporate powers generally," Section 2-69, title "Acquisition of land," Section 2-135, title "Purchase or lease of land—By county generally," Section 2-137, title "Same—By public library, rescue squad or fire department," Section 2-139, title "Public hearing not required when land is donated; decisions," to authorize the County to acquire land for school sites and to purchase the physical equipment necessary or incident thereto; to authorize the County to acquire land for county use; to provide for the process by which land shall be selected for acquisition; and to provide for notice and public hearings.