

84-21. Encumbrance of funds.

No notice of award of contract shall be issued, no contract shall be signed and no purchase order shall be issued until the director of finance or his designee certifies that the unencumbered balance in the appropriation is sufficient to defray the amount of such contract or purchase order.

84-22. Unlawful purchases.

If any agency purchases or contracts for any goods, services or capital improvement project in a manner contrary to the provisions of the Charter or this article, such purchase or contract shall be voidable.

84-23. Cooperative purchasing.

The chief administrative officer shall have the authority, subject to the direction of the County Executive, to join with other units of government in cooperative purchasing plan when the best interests of the county would be served thereby.

Section 2. Severability.

The provisions of the Act 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 Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act 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 Act or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

Section 3. Effective date.

This Act shall take effect on the 76th day following its enactment.

LOCAL LAWS

Enacted during the 1970 Legislative Sessions at the Legislative Sessions of the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, held in Rockville, Maryland, commencing on the fifth day of January, 1970 and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1970.

Chapter 1**(Bill No. 34-69)**

An Act to add new Section 128C to Chapter 2 of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, titled "Administration," subtitled "Homeowners' Construction Loan Fund," to follow immediately after Section 128B thereof, to authorize the County Council to establish a Homeowners' Construction Loan Fund to make direct construction loans therefrom to homeowners of low income whose present homes cannot be rehabilitated to conform with applicable County Code requirements for the purpose of providing new homes, including pre-fabricated homes, and to provide for the administration of said Fund.