

Article III. Powers as to Codes, Ordinances, etc.

Section 2. Subsections (a) and (d) of Section 2-24, Chapter 2, titled "Administration," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-24. Powers to adopt codes, rules, regulations, standards and ordinances
—Generally; administration and enforcement.

(a) Generally. The Council is authorized to prescribe by law for minimum standards in the form of building, fire, electrical, plumbing, health, waste and trash removal, billboard, street construction, humane treatment of animals, plant disease and blight control and other regulations and codes to safeguard life, health or property or to promote public safety, morals or welfare by regulating:

(1) Buildings and other structures. The design, erection, construction, repair, alteration, quality of materials, use, occupancy, location and maintenance of private and public buildings and other structures;

(2) Plumbing, heating and electrical fixtures. The installation and maintenance of plumbing, heating, and electrical fixtures in such buildings and structures and lines, wiring, piping and conduits in connection therewith;

(3) Disposal of waste, sewage, garbage, etc. The disposal of wastes, sewage and drainage and the dumping and accumulation of loose earth, rocks, trash, rubbish, garbage, ashes, junk, refuse and debris and limiting the height of weeds and treatment and disposal of diseased or blighted plant life and trees on any public or privately-owned land in the County, and providing for the removal by the county of such matter from privately-owned land at the expense of the landowner when such owner has refused or failed to remove the matter after due notice and opportunity for a hearing;

(4) Billboards, signs and other advertising matter. The erection and maintenance of billboards and other similar structures, signs, posters, window and outdoor display advertising of any kind whatsoever;

(5) Streets, highways, sidewalks, etc. The location, repair, use, grading, surfacing and other construction of streets, roads, highways, alleys, driveways and sidewalks for public use, and of curbs, gutters and drainage and other structures in connection therewith, whether or not maintenance by the County Government is thereafter to be requested;

(6) Animals. The humane treatment of animals whether on public or private property;

(7) Manufacturing establishments, slaughterhouses, canneries, etc. Places of manufacturing soap and candles and fertilizers, slaughterhouses, packing houses, canneries, factories, workshops, mines, manufacturing plants and any and all places where offensive trades may be carried on, or which may involve or give rise to unsanitary conditions or conditions detrimental to health.

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(d) Regulations for administration and enforcement. The Council is authorized to prescribe by law for the County Executive to adopt and amend regulations for the administration and enforcement of such standards, including bonds, permit and licenses and appropriate fees therefor, reports, schedules and inspection of premises necessary to such adminis-