

SECTION 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall become effective only after the entire Subtitle and Zoning Maps are adopted and become effective and Chapter 35 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title "Zoning", Articles I through V, inclusive, respectively titled "In General", "Districts", "Board of Appeals", "Off-Street Parking and Loading Spaces Generally" and "Signs and Outdoor Advertisements Generally", and Article VI of said Chapter (as enacted by Bill No. 4-65), are repealed.

APPROVED AND ENACTED: June 25, 1971.

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Bill No. 49-71

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 13-360, Rule XII of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 13, "Planning and Zoning", Subtitle 3, "Zoning Regulations", Article VI, "Zoning Hearing Officer", eliminating any and all pre-hearing procedures of any nature before the Zoning Hearing Officer upon any application pending or proposed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That Section 13-360, Rule XII of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 13, "Planning and Zoning", Subtitle 3, "Zoning Regulations", Article VI, "Zoning Hearing Officer", be, and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to eliminate any and all pre-hearing procedures of any nature before the Zoning Hearing Officer upon any application pending or proposed to read as follows:

"Rule XII—Pre-hearing procedures. There shall be no pre-hearing procedures before the zoning hearing officer; and no party, *person, firm, corporation or [nor]* any attorney, spokesman or representative of any party shall communicate *ex parte* or confer privately with the zoning hearing officer concerning any application pending or proposed. Any information sought by an applicant, or a party or a member of the public shall be directed to the planning and zoning office and its representatives and not to the zoning hearing officer. Once the file has been transmitted by the planning and zoning office to the zoning hearing officer, no representative of the planning and zoning office shall communicate *ex parte* or confer privately with the zoning hearing officer with respect thereto. Any person who violates a provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in accordance with the provisions of Section 21-31 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 21, "General Provisions, Penalties and Rules of Interpretation", Subtitle 3, "Rules of Interpretation", the catchlines or section headings of the several sections of this