

(b) Any person may petition the County Council of Howard County to close or relocate a County Road in accordance with Council Rules 5.205 (b) and 5.205(3). Such petitions shall describe in detail the road to be closed or relocated and shall be accompanied by a certified plat particularly describing the road to be closed and fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover the costs of advertising as required by this section. **IN ADDITION TO THE ADVERTISING COSTS THE PETITIONER, INCLUDING THE STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY ALL COSTS OF NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS REQUIRED BY THIS ACT.**

(c) The Chairman, upon receipt of a petition to close or relocate a public road shall cause to be prepared a resolution of the County Council granting the relief sought and shall cause a public hearing upon the said resolution to be held not less than thirty (30) days after the filing of the petition.

(d) The Secretary shall cause to be published by three separate insertions at weekly intervals in two newspapers of general circulation in the County, a full description of the road closing or relocation, giving the date set for the public hearing by the County Council. In addition thereto, ~~the road which is the subject of the resolution shall be posted, as directed by the County Council, for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing by the County Council with respect to said resolution.~~ **NOTICE OF ANY SUCH CLOSING OR RELOCATION OF ANY ROAD SHALL BE SERVED BY REGISTERED MAIL UPON ALL PERSONS WHOSE PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS AND ADJACENT WITH THE ROAD AS IT PRESENTLY EXISTS AND WITH THE ROAD AS RELOCATED AT THE ADDRESSES FOR SUCH PERSONS AS THEY APPEAR AT THE TIME OF SERVICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS.**

(e) Upon the filing of a petition to close or relocate a county road, the Secretary of the County Council shall request from the Director of Public Works a report on said closing or relocation to be presented to the County Council at or prior to the public hearing. The report of the Director of Public Works shall include findings as to the effect on public safety and convenience resulting from the proposed road closing or relocation. and shall recommend denial or approval of the petition.

(f) In addition thereto, the County Council may, on its own initiative, close, or relocate, county roads provided it shall first comply with the provisions of this section relating to public notice and public hearing.

(G) NO FILING FOR RECORD OF ANY PLAN OR SUBDIVISION, ~~PRELIMINARY~~ FINAL PLAT OF RECORD OR FINAL PLAN OF ANY NEW TOWN DISTRICT, PLANNED COMMUNITY DISTRICT, NOR ANY APPROVAL THEREOF, OR OTHER DECISION, ACTION OR RESOLUTION BY ANY BOARD OR AGENCY OTHER THAN A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL PASSED AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SHALL EFFECT THE CLOSING OR RELOCATION OF ANY ROAD, OR BE CONSIDERED AS REQUIRING THE PASSAGE BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION RELOCATING OR CLOSING ANY ROAD.

Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its enactment.