

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

118-1. DEFINITIONS.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER:

(A) "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PROPRIETOR, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, FIRM, COOPERATIVE, ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER ORGANIZED.

(B) "CONSUMER" MEANS A PURCHASER, LESSEE, RECIPIENT OR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, LESSEE OR RECIPIENT OF CONSUMER GOODS OR SERVICES OR CONSUMER CREDIT, INCLUDING A CO-OBLIGOR OR SURETY.

(C) "CONSUMER GOODS, SERVICES, CREDIT AND DEBTS" MEANS GOODS, SERVICES, CREDIT, DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH ARE PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD, FAMILY OR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

(D) "MERCHANT" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO OFFERS OR MAKES AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, MERCHANDISE, GOODS, SERVICES OR CREDIT.

(E) "ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS," HERINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "COMMITTEE" SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: THREE MEMBERS FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS; THREE MEMBERS FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND THREE MEMBERS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM. THEREAFTER, EACH APPOINTMENT (EXCEPT THE APPOINTMENT FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM) SHALL BE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, AND EACH APPOINTEE SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES. ALL MEMBERS TO SAID COMMITTEE INCLUDING ITS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN, SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT THEY MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ALL EXPENSES NECESSARILY INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

(F) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" INCLUDES A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S STAFF OR HIS DESIGNEE APPOINTED TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY.

118-2. OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "OFFICE." THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT A SINGLE