

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

OPPORTUNITIES BY ATTRACTING AND EXPANDING DESIRABLE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTY. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS HEREBY CONTINUED AS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND, AS SUCH, IT SHALL FUNCTION IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SECTION 12. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND PERMITS. THERE SHALL BE A DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND PERMITS HEADED BY A DIRECTOR OF LICENSES AND PERMITS. THE DIRECTOR OF LICENSES AND PERMITS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIFIED FUNCTIONS RELATING TO PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, EXCEPT FOR THOSE FUNCTIONS RELATING TO POLICE, FIRE, AND CIVIL DEFENSE ACTIVITIES. THESE FUNCTIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO: (1) BUILDING INSPECTIONS; (2) ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS; (3) ZONING ENFORCEMENT; (4) WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; AND (5) THE ANIMAL SHELTER. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO BOARDS WHICH REGULATE, EXAMINE, OR INSPECT THE WORK OF OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS. ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO PERMIT GRANTING AND INSPECTORIAL AUTHORITY MAY BE ASSIGNED BY LAW.

SECTION 13. POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE SHALL BE A POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE. THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE COUNTY, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY STATE LAW, ANY MUNICIPAL CHARTER, OR THIS CHARTER AND ITS SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION. THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL HAVE HAD AT LEAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

SECTION 14. FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE SHALL BE A FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADED BY A FIRE CHIEF. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION, FIRE AND RESCUE COMMUNICATIONS, RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES, AND COORDINATION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES. THE FIRE CHIEF SHALL HAVE HAD AT LEAST FIVE YEARS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE TRAINING, OR FIRE SUPPRESSION. THERE SHALL BE A FIRE COMMISSION COMPOSED OF NINE MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. EACH COMPANY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. THE FIRST ELECTION SHALL TAKE PLACE IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1970, AND AN ELECTION SHALL TAKE PLACE ANNUALLY THEREAFTER DURING THE MONTH OF JULY. THE FIRE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE FINANCIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC FUNDS OF EACH VOLUNTEER