

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

was created and has been enlarged by additions thereto which have been petitioned by various property owners; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 the New Town Zoning District was incorporated into the Metropolitan District and as a result, a number of parcels of land which were not included in the New Town District became situate within the perimeter of the enlarged Metropolitan District at that time and are now not a part of the Metropolitan District; and

WHEREAS, the existing procedures to incorporate parcels of land into the Metropolitan District are set forth in Section 18.201 of the Howard County Code and require action by the County Council and do not provide a prompt means to incorporate those existing improved properties which front on existing water and/or sewer mains and which are in serious need of such service.

THEREFORE, the following procedure is created in Howard County to facilitate the incorporation into the Metropolitan District of improved parcels having an acreage of 5 acres or less and fronting on an existing water and/or sewer main.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, that a new Section 18.201A inclusive is added to Title 18, Subtitle 1, be and is hereby added to the Howard County Code titled "Public Utilities," immediately after Section 18.201, and to read as follows:

18.201A AUTHORITY TO PUBLIC WORKS BOARD TO INCORPORATE INTERNAL PARCELS OF LAND INTO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

(A) THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD IS HEREBY DELEGATED THE AUTHORITY TO INCORPORATE PARCELS OF LAND INTO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WHICH MEET THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA:

(1) IMPROVED PARCELS OF LAND CONTAINING 5 ACRES OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE EXISTING PERIMETER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

(2) THE IMPROVED PARCEL SHALL FRONT ON A WATER AND/OR SEWER MAIN WHICH IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PARCEL AND A BONAFIDE NEED SHALL EXIST FOR SUCH SAID SERVICE AS SHALL BE DETERMINED IN WRITING BY THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PARCEL OWNER, MEETING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, MAY, BY WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, REQUEST THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD INCORPORATE THE SAID PARCEL INTO THE METROPOLITAN