

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

REPRESENTATIVE, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COMMISSION REACHES A DECISION.

2. THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ITS PROCEEDINGS AND ACTION WHICH SHALL BE ON FILE FOR PUBLIC VIEW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

3. NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS SHALL APPEAR IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN HOWARD COUNTY SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO SUCH MEETINGS.

4. THREE (3) MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM AND THE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY PRESENT SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR A DECISION.

## E. - SPECIAL POWERS

1. HOWARD COUNTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT AND USE GIFTS FOR EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSION'S FUNCTIONS.

2. THE COMMISSION MAY DESIGNATE THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST TO MAKE AN ANALYSIS OF AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF STRUCTURES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE WITHIN THE COUNTY. SUCH REPORT MAY INCLUDE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS AND USE RECOMMENDED TO BE PERMITTED IN THE DISTRICTS AS WELL AS IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE PARTICULAR STRUCTURES RECOMMENDED TO BE PRESERVED.

3. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE HOWARD COUNTY ZONING BOARD FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APPROPRIATE AREAS AS HISTORIC DISTRICTS.

4. HOWARD COUNTY MAY PURCHASE ARCHITECTURAL EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH STRUCTURES LOCATED IN OR ADJACENT TO A HISTORIC DISTRICT. SUCH EASEMENT SHALL GRANT TO THE COMMISSION, THE RESIDENTS OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THE PERPETUAL RIGHT TO HAVE THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE OF ANY STRUCTURE UPON WHICH IT IS APPLIED RETAINED IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CHARACTER AS WHEN THE EASEMENT TOOK EFFECT.

## F. - ACTION OF THE COMMISSION

1. THE COMMISSION SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ITS CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, MODIFICATION OR REJECTION OF ALL APPLICATIONS AND PLANS SUBMITTED TO IT FOR REVIEW.

2. NO WORK SHALL BEGIN UNTIL SUCH CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL SHALL HAVE BEEN FILED.

3. IN THE CASE OF REJECTION, SUCH