

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

(E) AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL HOME ENVIRONMENT ESTABLISHED FOR EACH OF THESE GROUPS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

(F) PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH GROUP HOME FACILITIES FOR THE PERSONS DESCRIBED ABOVE MUST RECEIVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION FROM COUNTY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

(G) AN OPPORTUNITY MUST BE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED GROUP RESIDENTIAL FACILITY TO REACT TO THE PROPOSED USE.

23A-2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

(A) THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED AND APPLIED TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES UNDERLYING THE COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

(B) IT IS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED THAT THIS CHAPTER:

(1) SIMPLIFY AND CLARIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES FOR GROUPS OF EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS AS DEFINED HEREIN WHO DESIRE SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS;

(2) ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES WHILE ENSURING THEIR COMPATIBILITY WITH RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN THE COUNTY;

(3) ENSURE THE QUALITY OF GROUP RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAMS.

23A-3. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER.

THIS CHAPTER SHALL NOT APPLY TO:

(A) ANY FACILITY WHICH HOLDS A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER CHAPTER 25 OF THIS CODE.

(B) ANY FACILITY WHICH HOLDS A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER CHAPTER 10 OF THIS CODE.

(C) ANY FACILITY WHICH HOLDS A VALID LICENSE UNDER MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE REGULATIONS 10.02.04 THROUGH 10.02.10.

(D) ANY FOSTER HOME APPROVED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS SET BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

(E) ANY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY WHOSE TOTAL NUMBER OF