

enforce any of the powers expressly enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the people of Baltimore County in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland have adopted, ordained and established the Baltimore County Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the Charter and of the laws of Maryland, the County is charged with the duty of planning for the future development and growth of the County, including the preparation of a Master Plan, the enactment of rules and regulations governing the control of building permits, subdivisions and the development of a zoning map and zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22 of the County Code, the County Planning Board is authorized to prepare, adopt and amend a Master Plan for the physical development of the County, which will guide the development of the County and make adequate provision for services and public utilities, transportation, housing conservation, distribution and density of population, public and semi-public facilities, urban redevelopment and rehabilitation, capital programming, and other elements of County growth and development; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22 of the County Code, zoning maps and regulations and subdivision controls are generally required to be ~~consistent~~ CONSISTENT with a Master Plan and be designed to facilitate adequate provision for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation and other public requirements and utilities, to preserve open space, to control the density of population, to avoid undue concentration, to reduce traffic congestion, to regulate the issuance of permits, exceptions and variances, and to promote public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22 of the County Code, the County Council is empowered to adopt such zoning regulations, subdivision controls and other legislation to implement a Master Plan including a comprehensive growth management system elements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22 of the County Code, the County Council has adopted in 1976 a comprehensively revised version of the county-wide Zoning Map, which under this Act shall be deemed to constitute the present county-wide Zoning Map of Baltimore County; now therefore

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AN ACT to require open meetings of legislative and administrative bodies, and within the executive branch