

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
 Section 3(a) and (b)(1)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1973 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

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~~Article-66B---Zoning-and-Planning
 Section-7-01(a)
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~~Article-66D---Maryland-National-Capital-Park-and
 Planning-Commission
 Section-8-112.1(a)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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(a) The legislative body of any municipality shall have power to provide that violations of ordinances and resolutions authorized by this article shall be punishable as misdemeanors, but no penalty shall exceed a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for 90 days. Imprisonment in default of fine and costs shall be regulated by the provisions of [§ 4 of] Article 38, § 4 of the [Annotated] Code [as amended].

(b) (1) The legislative body of a municipality may provide that violations of any municipal ordinance shall be a "municipal infraction" unless the violation is declared to be a felony or a misdemeanor by law or ordinance. ~~However, the legislative body of a municipality may classify A VIOLATION OF ANY ZONING ORDINANCE OR REGULATION ADOPTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 66B OF THE CODE OR ARTICLE 66D, § 8-112.1 OF THE CODE, OR littering within the municipality, as prohibited under Article 27, Section 468 of the Code, as a "municipal infraction" under this section.~~ [However] IN ADDITION, the legislative body of a municipality may classify AS A "MUNICIPAL INFRACTION": (I) A VIOLATION OF ANY ZONING OR LAND USE ORDINANCE OR REGULATION AUTHORIZED TO BE ADOPTED OR ENACTED BY THAT MUNICIPALITY; AND (II) littering within the municipality[,] as prohibited under Article 27, Section 468, of the Code[,] as a "municipal infraction" under this section. For purposes of this article a municipal infraction is a civil offense.