

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

~~Article-66B---Zoning-and-Planning~~

~~7-01-~~

~~(a)-(1)--The--local--legislative--body--may--provide--by--ordinance--for--the--enforcement--of--this--article--and--of--any--ordinance--or--regulation--made--thereunder,---[A]--EXCEPT--AS--PROVIDED--IN--PARAGRAPH--(2)--OF--THIS--SUBSECTION,--A--violation--of--this--article--or--of--such--ordinance--or--regulation--is--hereby--declared--to--be--a--misdemeanor,--and--such--local--legislative--body--may--provide--for--the--punishment--thereof--by--fine--or--imprisonment--or--both,--It--is--also--empowered--to--provide--civil--penalties--for--such--violation.~~

~~(2)-(1)--IN---ST,---MARY'S---COUNTY,---THE---COUNTY--COMMISSIONERS--MAY--PROVIDE--BY--ORDINANCE--THAT--AN--INITIAL--VIOLATION--OF--AN--ORDINANCE--OR--REGULATIONS--MADE--UNDER--THIS--ARTICLE--IS--A--CIVIL--ZONING--INFRACTION.~~

~~(II)--IF--THE--COUNTY--COMMISSIONERS--ESTABLISH--A--CIVIL--ZONING--INFRACTION,--VIOLATIONS--SHALL--BE--TREATED--AS--PROVIDED--IN--SUBSECTION--(C)--OF--THIS--SECTION.~~

Article 25 - County Commissioners

10D-2.

(A) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO § 7.01 OF ARTICLE 66B OF THE CODE, HAVE PROVIDED A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A ZONING VIOLATION, SUCH VIOLATION MAY BE TREATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

~~(c) (B) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

(II) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

(III) "ZONING OFFICIAL" MEANS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH THE DUTY OF DISCOVERING--AND--PROSECUTING VIOLATIONS--OF ENFORCING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

~~(2)--FOR--THE--PURPOSE--OF--THIS--ARTICLE,--A--CIVIL--ZONING--INFRACTION--IS--A--CIVIL--OFFENSE.~~