

(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

57A.

(A) THERE IS A STATE PERMIT COORDINATING COUNCIL.

(B) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF 12 MEMBERS, ONE FROM EACH OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN. THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE STATE PERMIT COORDINATOR, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SERVE, EX OFFICIO, AS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(C) IN APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT PERSONS WHO PREFERABLY HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING LICENSES OR PERMITS.

(D) EACH APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED AS A MEMBER.

(E) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET PERIODICALLY, BUT NOT LESS OFTEN THAN QUARTERLY, UPON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN OR THE COORDINATOR TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS KNOWN TO OR BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL PERMITS, INCLUDING MATTERS OF DELAY, ARBITRARINESS, OR UNREASONABLENESS. THE COUNCIL SHALL ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENTAL PARTICIPATION IN ITS INQUIRIES AND DELIBERATIONS.

(2) ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MAY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY OR THE COORDINATOR ANY SITUATION RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THAT MAY REQUIRE REVIEW OR ACTION.

(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL SHALL ALSO SERVE AS LIAISON WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE MEMBER'S DISTRICT. EACH MEMBER SHALL BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS WITH THE PERMIT ISSUING PROCESS IN THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(4) GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES SHALL ACT PROMPTLY TO REMEDY PROBLEMS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION.