

that the hearing be publicized in certain newspapers at a certain time prior to the date of the hearing; defining a certain term; providing that the hearing be organized in order that certain groups receive adequate notice and an opportunity to present statements; and requiring the issuance of a report to provide notice of documents pertaining to the subject matter of a public hearing.

BY adding to

Article 44A - Housing Authorities
Section 8A(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(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 44A - Housing Authorities

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~~(F) (1) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE APPROVING A HOUSING PROJECT, THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECT.~~

~~(2) THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE PUBLICIZED AND ORGANIZED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT AFFECTED HOMEOWNERS, CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THE HEARING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECT.~~

~~(3) THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS.~~

(F) (1) IN THIS SECTION "ASSISTED FAMILY HOUSING" HAS THE DEFINITION PROVIDED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

(2) THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON ITS PROPOSED ASSISTED FAMILY HOUSING.

(3) THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE PUBLICIZED BY A DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENT IN 2 NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

(4) THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION, SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, SHALL ISSUE A REPORT OF ITS FINDING AND CONCLUSIONS ON ITS PROPOSED ASSISTED FAMILY HOUSING WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.