

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to provide a convenient reference to the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

(E) PERSON OF ELIGIBLE INCOME.

"PERSON OF ELIGIBLE INCOME" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY THAT QUALIFIES UNDER § 16-108 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to provide a convenient reference to a "person of eligible income".

16-102. APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 12.

TITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE APPLIES TO THE MONTGOMERY COMMISSION EXCEPT WHERE IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 44A, § 2-101.

Defined term: "Montgomery Commission" § 16-101

16-103. SCOPE OF TITLE.

THIS TITLE APPLIES ONLY TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added for clarity.

16-104. FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) THERE IS UNSAFE AND UNSANITARY HOUSING IN THE COUNTY AND THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY HOUSING THAT PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME CAN AFFORD TO RENT OR BUY;

(2) AS A RESULT, PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME MUST OCCUPY OVERCROWDED AND CONGESTED HOUSING OR MUST PAY TOO MUCH OF THEIR INCOME FOR SHELTER;

(3) THESE CONDITIONS CAUSE TOO MUCH PUBLIC MONEY TO BE SPENT FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, FIRE AND ACCIDENT PROTECTION, AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES;

(4) THERE IS A PUBLIC EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY CAUSED IN PART BY RAPIDLY RISING CONSTRUCTION COSTS, OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES, AND THE INCREASE IN CONVERSIONS OF RENTAL HOUSING TO CONDOMINIUMS;

(5) THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS CREATED BY THESE INFLATIONARY CONDITIONS AND CONVERSIONS INCLUDE:

(I) A MAJOR DISPLACEMENT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF TENANTS, INCLUDING ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, FROM THEIR HOUSING;