

(i) To delegate any of the powers herein conferred of a nonpolicy nature to any one or more of the Commissioners or to the Director of the Commission.

(j) To report annually to the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly as to the Commission's activities during the preceding year, together with any recommendations or requests it deems appropriate to further the purposes of the Commission.

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(a) (1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Dwelling" means the dwelling house of one or more homeowners, and the curtilage where it is erected, which is used as the principal residence of that homeowner or homeowners.

(3) "Homeowner" means a person who, on July 1, 1976, actually resides in a dwelling in which that person has a legal interest, including any life estate, whether as sole owner, joint tenant, tenant in common or tenant by the entirety.

(4) "Principal residence" means a dwelling actually occupied or expected to be actually occupied by the homeowner or the homeowners for more than six consecutive months of the present calendar year. Nonoccupancy of the dwelling because of illness or the need for special care, of the homeowner, is occupancy for the purposes of this section.

(b) (1) When the Commission or other State agency commences the acquisition by purchase, gift, or condemnation of the dwelling of a homeowner within the "take line" established by the Commission, the Commission or other State agency shall offer in writing the homeowner or homeowners a life estate in that property. Acceptance of the life estate shall be taken into consideration when determining the value of the property. Upon acceptance, the recipient of the life estate will pay real estate property taxes, insurance, and ordinary maintenance costs. Requests for material alterations or additions to the property must be submitted in writing to the St. Mary's City Commission and said request must be approved or disapproved by the Commission within 45 days of the receipt of said request.

(2) In the case of a purchase, the Commission or other State agency shall make the offer:

(i) At the time of each offer for purchase; and