

(g) The expense account allowance for the County Commissioners of Somerset County shall be as provided in Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (being those of Somerset County) in lieu of any expenses for which provision was made by this section.

(h) The compensation for the County Commissioners of Worcester County shall be as provided in the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County in lieu of any compensation or expenses allowed in subsection (a) of this section.

(i) The compensation for the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall be as set forth in Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland.

(j) The compensation for the County Commissioners of Washington County shall be as provided in the Code of Public Local Laws of the county in lieu of any compensation or expenses provided for in this section.

(k) The compensation of the County Commissioners of Caroline County shall be as provided in the public local laws of the county in lieu of any compensation or expenses provided for in this section.]

EXPLANATION: Article 25, § 28(a) grants county commissioners \$3 per day compensation plus \$.10 per mile for mileage over 5 miles from their residence unless otherwise provided in the public local laws of the county. Subsections (b) through (k) include provisions affecting individual counties, several of which have adopted either charter or code home rule. The public local laws of each nonhome rule county specify the county commissioners' salary or procedures by which the salary is set. Although the public local laws of two nonhome rules do not specify expense allowances, staff believes that this issue could be addressed by the county commissioners as part of their budgetary process absent a statutory provision to the contrary. Staff recommends this section be repealed.

#### Article 66B – Zoning and Planning

[2.07.

In order to avail themselves of the powers conferred by this article, the Mayor and City Council shall appoint a commission, to be known as the zoning commission, to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein. Such commission shall make a preliminary report and hold public hearings thereon before submitting its final report, and the City Council shall not hold its public hearings or take action until it has received the final report of such commission. If a board of zoning appeals already exists, it may be appointed as the zoning commission.]

EXPLANATION: Article 66B, § 2.07 requires the appointment of a zoning commission in Baltimore City to make initial recommendations concerning zoning districts. This section is now obsolete and staff recommends its repeal.