

**Article 22 – Washington County**

1-606.

(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BY ORDINANCE, MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP, PROCEDURES, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FUNDING AND ANY OTHER SUPPORT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION UNDER ANY TERMS OR CONDITIONS THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 22 – Washington County**

[Title 9. Economic Development Commission.]

[Subtitle 1. Economic Development Commission]

[9-101.

(a) There is a Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission.

(b) The purpose of the Commission is to:

(1) Advance the general welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop Washington County's natural resources and economic opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture, forestry, mineral extraction and processing, transportation, travel, tourism, and recreation;

(2) Cooperate and offer assistance to and encourage the retention and expansion of existing industries and businesses in Washington County;

(3) Promote and encourage the establishing and locating of new industries and businesses in Washington County; and

(4) Undertake other activities intended to foster and develop gainful employment and the quality of life of all who are residents of Washington County.]

[9-102.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of not more than 25 members.

(2) Of the members:

(i) The Mayor and City Council of Hagerstown may appoint not more than 10 members; and

(ii) The Washington County Commissioners may appoint not more than 15 members.