

(h) In Garrett County the size of the sheet (plat) shall be 18 by 24 inches, including a one and one-half inch margin for binding along the left edge. When more than one sheet is required, an index sheet of the same size shall be submitted showing the entire subdivision drawn to scale.

(i) (1) A plat filed in the land records of Wicomico County shall measure 18 by 24 inches or 24 by 36 inches, including a 1 1/2 inch margin along the left edge. If more than one sheet is required, an index sheet of the same size shall be submitted showing the entire subdivision drawn to scale.

(2) This subsection does not apply to single lot plats suitable for recording in the same manner as other land record instruments, or to plats dated prior to July 1, 1977.

(j) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in Caroline County, any interested person may record a copy of a plat if:

(i) It is signed and dated prior to January 1, 1970; and

(ii) The general location of the property can be determined by reference to the plat; and

(iii) The person offering the plat for recording appends a verified statement that it is the original plat, to the best of the offerer's knowledge, information and belief.

(2) The recording of plats under this subsection shall not be construed as the creation or establishment of a subdivision or compliance with any other rules or regulations applicable to subdivisions.

(k) (1) A plat filed in the land records of Dorchester County shall measure 18 by 24 inches or 24 by 36 inches, including a 1 1/2 inch margin along the left edge. If more than one sheet is required, an index sheet of the same size shall be submitted showing the entire subdivision drawn to scale.

(2) This subsection does not apply to single lot plats suitable for recording in the same manner as other land record instruments, or to plats dated prior to July 1, 1987.

(l) In Charles County, a deed conveying a parcel of land containing more than 20 acres of unimproved land is not required to be accompanied by a survey plat.

(m) In Calvert County, the clerk of court may not accept and record a plat that combines two or more subdivision lots to create one or more new lots unless the County Treasurer has certified on the plat that all taxes, assessments, and charges against the existing lots have been paid.

(n) This section does not apply in Allegany, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Talbot Counties, except to the extent any of these counties is expressly mentioned in this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.