

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
Section 2-701 and 2-702 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Taxes"  
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2-213(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2-213(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property  
Section 9-323(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington County seek to: (1) obtain the highest quality in their schools, (2) have dependable access to public safety, and (3) protect and preserve the rural quality of the county; and

WHEREAS, A recent facilities assessment of the Washington County schools indicated 12 schools are suffering from inferior structural deficiencies — 11 of which are elementary schools — and in drastic need of costly renovations; and

WHEREAS, The technology utilized for public safety is vastly outdated in Washington County and the Sheriff's department is currently understaffed; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington County envision a reasonable, planned rate of growth for their county to ensure that future growth will not become burdensome to the taxpayers of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, The importance of redevelopment throughout the urban areas of Washington County is recognized as vital for economic development in Washington County; and