

other suitable file, properly indexed, in which shall be entered or recorded all ordinances, resolutions, [plats] PLATS, and certificates filed with [him] THE CLERK under this title.

(f) Prior incorporation. If the District was incorporated pursuant to the provisions of Section 875 of Chapter 694 of the Laws of Maryland of 1957 (Section 529 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County, 1957 Edition), then, upon the proper filing of the required ordinance or [resolution] RESOLUTION, the District shall be deemed to have come into existence. Neither the County nor the District need file any ordinance, resolution, [certificate] CERTIFICATE, or articles of amendment with any person or agency other than the Clerk to the Circuit Court for Washington County. (1957 Code, sec. 529. 1957 ch. 694, sec. 875; 1961, ch. 743, sec. 529; 1970 ed. sec. 28-2; 1984, ch. 289)

6-202. Changes in District and creation of subdistricts.

(a) Authorized. By ordinance or resolution filed and recorded as provided in [Section 6-201] § 6-201 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the [county] COUNTY may change the name of the District or the Commission, change its boundaries, increase the number of Commissioners from the number appointed by the ordinance or resolution adopted [pursuant to Section 6-201 of this title] IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-201 OF THIS SUBTITLE to the maximum number permitted by [Section 6-301 of this title] § 6-301 OF THIS SUBTITLE, and change, add to, or diminish the powers and purposes of the District and the Commission. The ordinance or resolution shall contain only provisions lawful under this title or under any public general law applicable to Washington County. An ordinance or resolution may not impair or divest any property or contract rights acquired or belonging to any person prior to the passage of the ordinance or resolution.

(b) Procedure.

(1) In this section "property owner" includes coowners of one property.

(2) The Commission shall exercise the powers and duties conferred on the District by this title only in subdistricts.

(3) The Commission may initiate the creation of a subdistrict:

(i) On the Commission's motion;

(ii) On the Commission's motion at the request of the County; or

(iii) On the Commission's motion after the Commission receives a petition, that describes the boundaries of the locality to be a subdistrict, signed by not less than:

1. 50 property owners residing in any locality in the District; or

2. 65[%] PERCENT of those property owners residing in any locality in the district which has less than 75 owners.

[(2)] (4) The petition shall outline the boundaries of the locality which the property owners desire to have created as a subdistrict.