

HOUSE BILL 1244

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By: **Delegates Sossi, Eckardt, Haddaway, James, Rudolph, and Smigiel**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Corporations – Planning Commissions – Meetings**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a planning commission appointed by a municipal
4 corporation shall hold ~~certain meetings at the call of the chair of the planning~~
5 ~~commission or at certain other times determined by the planning commission;~~
6 quarterly or more often as the planning commission's duties require;
7 authorizing the chairman of a certain planning commission to cancel a certain
8 quarterly meeting under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
9 meetings of planning commissions appointed by municipal corporations.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 66B – Land Use
12 Section 3.03
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 66B – Land Use**

18 3.03.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (1) A planning commission shall elect a chairman from one of the
 2 appointed members of the planning commission and create and fill its other offices as
 3 it determines appropriate.

4 (2) (i) The term of a chairman shall be 1 year.

5 (ii) A planning commission chairman may be reelected.

6 (b) (1) [A] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
 7 **SUBSECTION, A** planning commission shall hold at least one regular meeting each
 8 month.

9 (2) (i) ~~A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS~~
 10 ~~PARAGRAPH, A PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTED BY A MUNICIPAL~~
 11 ~~CORPORATION SHALL HOLD MEETINGS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN AND AT~~
 12 ~~OTHER TIMES DETERMINED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION QUARTERLY OR~~
 13 ~~MORE OFTEN AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DUTIES REQUIRE.~~

14 (ii) IF THERE IS NO BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING
 15 COMMISSION, THE CHAIRMAN MAY CANCEL THE QUARTERLY MEETING.

16 (c) (1) A planning commission shall adopt rules for transacting business
 17 and shall keep records of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations.

18 (2) The records of the resolutions, transactions, findings, and
 19 determinations of a planning commission shall be open to the public.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 21 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.