

and material to show the grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified.

If, upon the hearing, it shall appear to the court that testimony is necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, it may take evidence or appoint a commissioner to take such evidence as it may direct and report the same to the court with his findings of fact and conclusions of law, which shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made. The court may reverse, or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the decision brought up for review.

All issues in any proceeding under this section shall have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings.

8. ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES. The Mayor and Council of the Town of Gaithersburg may provide by ordinance or regulation made thereunder. A violation of this Act or of any ordinance or regulation made thereunder is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and provision may be made by ordinance for the punishment thereof by fine or imprisonment or both, also the ordinance may provide civil penalties for such violation.

In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, or land used in violation of this Act or of any ordinance or other regulation made under authority conferred hereby, the proper local authorities of the municipality, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, or use, to restrain, correct, or abate such violation, to prevent the occupancy of said building, structure, or land, or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises.

9. CONFLICT OF OTHER LAWS. Whenever the regulations made under authority of this Act require a greater width or size of yards, courts, or other open space, or require a lower height of building or less number of stories, or require a greater percentage of lot to be left unoccupied, or impose other higher standards than are required in any other statute or local ordinance or regulation, the provisions of the regulations made under authority of this Act shall govern. Wherever the provisions of any other statute or local ordinance or regulation