

other combustibles or explosives therein; to provide for and regulate the safe construction, inspection, and repair of all private and public buildings within said District; to regulate, restrain, or prohibit the erection of wooden or frame buildings within the present limits of said District or any thickly populated portion of the same and to remove the same at the owner's expense, when erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as it may adopt; to regulate the height, construction, and inspection of all new buildings hereafter erected in said District; to regulate the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect steps, porticoes, bay windows or other structural ornaments to houses fronting on any of the highways, streets, avenues, lanes, or alleys of said District; to regulate the materials used and the manner of installing any and all systems of electric wiring, piping, conduit laying in any building, and to regulate the location, manner of installation, size, and area per lot of all advertising structures and to restrict the projection of same over public property, and generally to adopt and enforce, for the whole of said District or for thickly populated portions thereof, all necessary regulations or rules for the foregoing purposes, and to prescribe fines and penalties, for violations thereof; provided, however, that no such rules and regulations so adopted by said Commission as aforesaid shall be deemed valid or effective until the same shall have been formally adopted by the said Commission at a regular meeting, and recorded in a book kept at its office for the purpose. Prior to the adoption of any such rules and regulations, said Commission shall cause to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the portion of the District to be affected by any such rules and regulations notice of the date, place and time of the meeting of said Commission at which any such rules and regulations shall be presented for adoption, said notice stating that at such meeting a hearing will be held on the proposed rules and regulations, at which hearing an opportunity will be given to all persons having an interest in said rules and regulations to express their views with respect thereto. Said notice shall briefly indicate the nature of the rules or regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed or if a complete and comprehensive Building Code is to be considered for adoption, a statement to that effect shall be sufficient. Said notice shall be published at least once in each of two consecutive weeks next preceding the date of said meeting but said Commission may, in its discretion, provide for more extensive notification. Following the adoption of any such rules or regulations, it shall be the duty of the Commission