

59-83 (a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Park and Planning Commission," subheading "Regional District," as re-enacted by Chapter 854 of the Acts of 1965; and Section 72-84 (a) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition, being Article 16 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County," subtitle "Bicounty District Laws," subheading "Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," as re-enacted by Chapter 854 of the Acts of 1965, providing that a District Council shall not make amendments to its regulations or maps after October 31 in a year in which a new Council is elected and that no such amendments shall be made until a new Council has taken office, and amending generally the law relating to reclassifications in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 78(a) of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended, be, and is hereby, repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

(a) **Authorized; Procedure.** Each District Council may from time to time amend its regulations or any regulation, including the maps or any map [], *provided that no such amendment shall be made by a District Council, in a year in which the Council is elected, after the 31st day of October and until the newly elected Council is duly qualified and has taken office.* No such amendment shall be passed until it first be submitted, at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the hearing required by subsection (c) hereof, to the Commission for approval, disapproval or suggestions; the Commission's recommendations shall be submitted to the District Council at least five (5) days prior to the public hearing held by said District Council on said amendment; if the Commission shall fail to submit its recommendation within the aforementioned time, it and its staff shall be deemed to have approved such amendment. With the Commission's resolution transmitting its recommendations with respect to applications for zoning amendments under this section, there shall be transmitted a copy of the report of the Commission's technical staff thereon. In Montgomery County, in all applications which seek a classification other than that which is attached to the subject properties on a [detailed watershed or planning area] local Master Plan, approved by the district council, under the provisions of Section 63 (e) of this act, such applications shall be granted only by the affirmative vote of five members of the district council, provided, however, that in the event the said application for reclassification is recommended for approval by the Commission [or in the event the said application is for a zoning classification created after the approval of such master plan by the council], then an affirmative vote of four members of the district council shall be required to grant such an application or applications. In all other cases, an application shall not be granted except by affirmative vote of at least four members of the district council. Similarly, in the original zoning regulations enacted by the District Councils, there shall be no change in or departure from the plan submitted by the Commission until and unless the change or departure shall first be submitted to the Commission for its approval, disapproval or suggestions; and the