

carry out the purposes of this article, special exceptions and variances to the provisions of the zoning regulations in harmony with their general purposes and intent. The decisions of the administrative office or agency in Montgomery County shall be subject to an appeal to either the board of appeals or other administrative body as may be designated by the district council and the appeal shall follow that procedure which may from time to time be determined by the district council. The district council also may authorize the board of zoning appeals to interpret the zoning maps or pass upon disputed questions of lot lines or district boundary lines or similar questions as they arise in the administration of the regulations.

(B) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN ARTICLE 25A, SECTION 5(U), OF THE ANNOTATED CODE TO THE CONTRARY, A DECISION BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS ON APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING VARIATIONS OR EXCEPTIONS MAY BE APPEALED WITHIN 30 DAYS BY ANY PERSON, MUNICIPALITY, CORPORATION, OR ASSOCIATION, WHETHER OR NOT INCORPORATED, WHICH HAS APPEARED AT THE HEARING IN PERSON, BY ATTORNEY, OR IN WRITING, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY, WHICH MAY AFFIRM OR REVERSE THE DECISION APPEALED FROM OR REMAND IT TO THE BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR ANY REASON, OR DISMISS THE APPEAL AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ANY PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY APPEAL FROM SUCH DECISION TO THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS. THE REVIEW PROCEEDINGS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION ARE EXCLUSIVE.

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(b) Upon appeals, the board of zoning appeals has the following powers:

(2) To hear and decide, in accordance with the provisions of the regulations enacted by the district council, requests for special exceptions or map interpretations or for decisions upon permits for extensions, substitutions, restorations, reinstatements, or reconstructions of lawful nonconforming uses or other special questions upon which the board of zoning [appeal] APPEALS is required or authorized by the zoning regulations to pass.

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The zoning regulations [heretofore] duly and validly enacted by the County Commissioners of Montgomery and Prince George's counties and in force on May 24, 1939, including the maps which at that date accompanied and were a part of the regulations shall be deemed to have been made, enacted, and in force under this title and shall continue in force and effect until THEY are amended by the district councils respectively as authorized by this title.