

Bill No. CB-12-1980

Chapter No. 9

EMERGENCY BILL

AN EMERGENCY ACT concerning

Historic Sites

FOR the purpose of amending the Building Code so as to establish procedures for the evaluation of permit applications for demolition or exterior alteration of certain historic sites, and to authorize such permits to be withheld under certain circumstances.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.  
Section 4-111.1,  
The Prince George's County Code  
(1975 Edition, July 1979 Supplement, as  
amended by CB-87-1979).

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has declared the preservation of national historic sites to be a national policy, enacted comprehensive legislation in this area to implement this intent (see, Historic Sites Act, 16 U.S.C. 461-470t), and encouraged local governments "to expand and accelerate their historic programs and activities"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland has specifically granted both the District Council and Prince George's County the power to undertake a comprehensive regulatory and legislative program for the delineation and preservation of historic sites and districts in Prince George's County and that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District located in Prince George's County (see Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66D, Section 8-101(c) and Article 25A, Section 5, Subsection BB), and a Master Plan of Historic Sites and Districts and a comprehensive regulatory program provided for by Article 66D is currently being formulated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission pursuant to CR-69-1979; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County is an area which, because of its colonial origins and proximity to the nation's capital, is particularly significant historically and is unusually rich in significant historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has published a Historic Sites Inventory by Planning Areas for Prince George's County, Maryland (hereinafter Historic Site Inventory), dated December 1976, and revised March 17, 1980, and is using that document in the development of the Master Plan of Historic Sites and Districts; and