

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. 15-12

Councilmembers Almond, Marks, Huff and Quirk

By the County Council, March 5, 2012

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Hearings - Required Notice for Hearings on Zoning Petitions

FOR the purpose of extending the time period for providing notice of certain zoning hearings;
requiring notice to be posted on a certain website; and generally relating to zoning
hearings.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 32-3-302
Article 32 - Planning, Zoning and Subdivision Control
Title 3 - Zoning
Baltimore County Code, 2003

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 §32-3-302. SAME – HEARING REQUIRED; NOTICE

2 (a) *In general.* Except as provided in §32-3-303 of this subtitle, the Department of
3 Permits, Approval and Inspections shall schedule a public hearing on a petition for a variance or
4 special exception for a date not less than 21 days and not more than 90 days after the petition is
5 accepted for filing.

6 (b) *Notice.*

7 (1) The Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections shall ensure that notice
8 of the time and place of the hearing relating to the property under petition be provided:

9 (i) By conspicuously posting the notice on the property for a period of at
10 least [15] 20 days before the date of the hearing; ~~and~~

11 (ii) By a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation at least
12 [15] 20 days before the hearing: ; AND

13 (III) BY POSTING NOTICE ON THE COUNTY’S INTERNET
14 WEBSITE.

15 (2) The notice shall provide:

16 (i) The address of the property under petition or, if not available, a
17 description of the property; and

18 (ii) The action requested by the petition.

19 (c) *Referral to Director of Planning.* Once a hearing date for a petition is established,
20 the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections shall promptly forward a copy of the
21 petition to the Director or Deputy Director of the Department of Planning for consideration and a
22 written report containing findings relating to planning factors.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect forty-
2 five (45) days after its enactment.

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