



thereby lessening the dependence of this County's residents upon employment centers in other counties and tending to prevent unemployment;

(11) promote safety in the streets by the segregation of pedestrian and automobile traffic to the greatest extent possible;

(111) prevent needless waste of time, money and energy in needless traffic movement through the establishment of logical locations for residential areas, schools, churches, shopping areas and employment centers;

(1v) prevent wasteful duplication of services by providing facilities for the public which serve multiple uses;

(v) create a sense of spaciousness by the establishment of well located open spaces; and

(vi) encourage civic responsibility through the development of well planned neighborhoods in which the inhabitants can develop a sense of personal responsibility with their communities.

It is believed that through the adoption of this more flexible approach to zoning the County will be benefited in having committees develop which are well planned, well controlled and which are able to attract desirable industrial uses within a community which is adapted to the accommodation of all of the needs of its citizens. We are mindful of the fact that Howard County is located between two of the largest metropolitan areas in the country and that we are bound to be profoundly affected by their development.

We believe that the growth and progress of the County is to a large measure dependent upon the manner in which we respond to the challenges created by our proximity and relation-

ship to these herring metropolitan centers.

As we grow, as we respond to the demands for not and better governmental services, such as public water and sewerage, better schools and roads, we must strive to fit our development to the basic desires for our County. We would like to see the County retain as much of its rural beauty and charm. Keeping our growth to these demands is not going to be simple. We believe that this Regulation is one of the devices by which we can encourage intelligent and imaginative land development, development which is predicated upon the necessary economic realities and yet which seeks to preserve "open spaces" and the natural beauty of this county. We believe that intelligent, far-sighted development, as authorized by this amendment, can be a major factor in the future growth of Howard County.

It is therefore, this 27th day of May, 1955 by the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County Resolved that the Zoning Regulations of Howard County are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 17 of these Regulations, as that section existed immediately prior to the passage of this Resolution, is hereby repealed and designated in a separate paragraph, to follow immediately after the first paragraph of Section 18. All references to these Regulations, or to Section eleven, throughout the new Section 17 shall be deemed to refer to these Regulations, or to the appropriate Section herein, as they exist on the date of the passage of this Resolution.

2. A new Section, to be known as Section 17, is hereby adopted as follows:

SECTION 17--AN ORDINANCE

The County Commissioners hereby amend the comprehensive zoning plan of Howard County by establishing a new zoning district to be known as "Rural Open District" (and to be designated as "R-1 District") as such location or locations on the zoning map as designated by the County Commissioners under the procedure