

CHAPTER 27

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
OF WILLIAMSPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND  
TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT, AND  
PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF

ARTICLE 1

TITLE, PURPOSE, INTERPRETATION, APPLICABILITY AND SEPARABILITY

100 SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Williamsport Land Subdivision Ordinance".

101 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, or the general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Williamsport by:

101.1 Providing for the proper arrangement of streets in relation to other existing and planned streets;

101.2 Providing for the adequate and convenient placement of sites for public purposes;

101.3 Assuring adequate open spaces for traffic, utilities, access of firefighting apparatus, recreation, light and air;

101.4 Furthering the development of land in an orderly and appropriate manner;

101.5 Establishing requirements and responsibilities for the equitable allocation of the costs of installing streets, utility systems and other improvements;

101.6 Establishing uniform standards for the design, survey, approval and recording of plats of land subdivisions; and

101.7 Giving effect to the policies and proposals of the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Town of Williamsport.

## 102 INTERPRETATION

In interpreting and applying this Ordinance, its provisions shall be held to be the minimum requirements for promoting the public health, morals, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare, except that when the provisions imposed by any statute, other ordinance, rule, regulations or permit or by any easement, covenant, or agreement are more restrictive than the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of such statute, other ordinance, rule, regulation, permit, easement, covenant or agreement shall prevail.

## 103 APPLICABILITY

103.1 The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply in relation to all land within the corporate limits of the Town of Williamsport.

103.2 All departments, officials and public employees of the Town of Williamsport vested with the duty or authority to issue permits or licenses shall issue no permit or licenses for any use, building or purpose if the same would be in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

103.3 Previous Ordinances, Resolutions, Rules or Regulations adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of Williamsport are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict with or impose less restrictive standards than the provisions of this Ordinance.

## 104 SEPARABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the provisions of this Ordinance are separable, whereby:

104.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of this Ordinance to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to the provision expressly stated in the court's decision, and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall continue to be separately and fully effective, the Mayor and Town Council hereby declaring that they would have adopted the remaining provisions without the word, phrase, clause, items, sentence, paragraph or section, or the application thereof, so declared invalid.

104.2 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the application of any provision of this Ordinance to any lot, building or other structure, or tract of land to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to the person, property or situation immediately involved in the court's decision, and the application of any such provision to other persons, properties or situations shall not be affected thereby.