

CHAPTER 414
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Laws of Maryland

Article - Transportation

§ 6-501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Advisory Council" means the Port Land Use Development Zone Advisory Council.

(c) "Brownfields sites" means:

(1) Eligible property as defined in § 7-501(g) of the Environment Article; and

(2) Property where there is a release, discharge, or threatened release of oil, as defined in § 4-401 of the Environment Article.

(d) "Land assemblage" means the compilation of vacant or underutilized property within the Port Land Use Development Zone to create more viable property for specific redevelopment projects.

(e) "Zone" means the Port Land Use Development Zone which consists of residentially, commercially, or industrially zoned property within the immediate influence of Port activity. This includes land directly on the Baltimore Harbor or serving the Port of Baltimore, and all public and private properties within 3,000 feet surrounding the Port's waterfront, and extends from Brandon Shores in Anne Arundel County around the waterfront to Middle River in Baltimore County.

§ 6-502.

(a) There is an Advisory Council for Port Land Use Development.

(b) The Advisory Council is composed of the following:

(1) Six ex officio members, to include:

(i) The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation or the Secretary's designee, who shall be the chairperson of the Advisory Council;

(ii) The Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development or the Secretary's designee;

(iii) The Secretary of the Department of Planning or the Secretary's designee;

(iv) The Mayor of Baltimore City or the Mayor's designee;

(v) The County Executive of Baltimore County or the Executive's designee; and

(vi) The County Executive of Anne Arundel County or the Executive's designee.

(2) Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(i) One member to represent a maritime-related business with facilities in the Zone;

(ii) One member to represent the environmental community;

(iii) One member to represent a residential community located within or contiguous to the Zone;

(iv) One member to represent the development community or

investment community; and

(v) One member to represent the general public.

(c) Each appointed member serves for a term of 2 years and until a successor is appointed.

(d) Members of the Advisory Council appointed by the Governor are not entitled to compensation.

§ 6-503.

(a) There is a Port Land Use Development Office in the Maryland Port Administration of the Department. The Office is responsible for the coordination of a Port Land Use Development Zone as defined in § 6-501(e) of this subtitle.

(b) The Office shall coordinate and support the activities of the Advisory Council and establish a collaborative effort to vigorously market Port Land Use Development Zone properties for port-related or port-compatible uses.

(c) The Office may be augmented by staff support of the State agencies and local jurisdictions involved.

§ 6-504.

(a) The Advisory Council, with the assistance of the Port Land Use Development Office, shall coordinate efforts among existing programs within the State and local governments to invigorate land development in and around the Port of Baltimore. In carrying out this duty, the Advisory Council shall:

(1) Complete, maintain, and disseminate an inventory of vacant or underutilized property within the Zone that is not needed by the Maryland Port Administration for its own future use, and is therefore available for redevelopment;

(2) Coordinate the development of a master plan for the Zone, which shall consider:

(i) Expectations, plans, and programs of local jurisdictions related to the Zone and port land redevelopment efforts;

(ii) Expectations, plans, and programs of State agencies related to the Zone and port land redevelopment efforts; and

(iii) Expectations, plans, and concerns of business, residential, and environmental communities related to the Zone and port land redevelopment efforts;

(3) Recommend to the Governor any appropriate actions that may lead to the development and reuse of brownfields sites within the Zone, to include the use of any available federal, State, local, or private sector funds for brownfields sites activities;

(4) Facilitate access to available financial incentives and explore innovative financing programs for existing as well as new businesses interested in furthering the redevelopment of available Zone properties;

(5) Recommend to the Governor any appropriate use of tax incentives and enterprise and foreign trade zones necessary to attract businesses to sites in the Zone;

(6) Work with and coordinate the efforts of State and local authorities in land assemblage activities designed to return to productive use vacant or underutilized public and private properties which will facilitate economic development and land redevelopment efforts in the Zone;

(7) Establish any subcommittees necessary to carry out the duties of the advisory committee; and

(8) Provide such other assistance as may be required to further the purpose of this subtitle.

(b) The Port Land Use Development Zone Advisory Council shall make an initial report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 1999, on its recommendations for programs and activities that will further enhance development in the Zone. Thereafter, by December 31 of each year the Advisory Council shall submit an annual report of its activities during that calendar year, together with any recommendations it desires to propose, to the Governor and the General Assembly.