

**Office of the County Auditor**  
**Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Resolution No. 98-2020**

Introduced: June 1, 2020

Auditor: Maya Cameron

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Fiscal Impact:

There will be minimal fiscal impact of this legislation.

According to the Baltimore Sun's Ad Options website, the cost<sup>1</sup> to publish the amendment announcement in the Howard County Times will be approximately \$340.

Purpose:

The purpose of Council Resolution 98-2020 is to amend County Charter Section 302 ("The County Executive") to provide that the appointment of the heads of all Offices and all Departments are subject to majority confirmation by the County Council.

Other Comments:

Charter amendments must be approved by a two-thirds Council vote and are then submitted to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection.

Any amendment to the Charter must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

The next general election in Maryland is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://placeanad.baltimoresun.com/ad-options/?pub=howard-county-times&type=productpublication>  
\$68 per publication x 5 weeks = \$340