

Amendment 4 to Council Bill No. 7 - 2026

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Amendment No. 4

(This Amendment provides exceptions to the bill)

1 On page 1, in line 28 insert the following:

2 “(D) EXCEPTIONS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOT APPLY TO A COUNCILMEMBER OR
3 A MEMBER OF THEIR STAFF:

4 (1) CONDUCTING THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF A COUNCILMEMBER OR A COUNCIL
5 DISTRICT OFFICE. SUCH DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE COUNCIL’S
6 AUTHORITY PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 205, 206, AND 207 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER
7 AND ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE THAT PROVIDES THE COUNCIL WITH AUTHORITY;

8 (2) CONDUCTING LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH;

9 (3) PERFORMING USUAL AND CUSTOMARY CONSTITUENT SERVICES;

10 (4) COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK OF A HOWARD COUNTY
11 BOARD OR COMMISSION;

12 (5) COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE DECISIONS AND CONDUCT OF
13 MEMBERS OF A BOARD OR COMMISSION;

14 (6) APPEARING AT A PUBLIC HEARING;

15 (7) APPEARING AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS;

16 (8) TESTIFYING AT PUBLIC HEARINGS;

17 (9) SPEAKING AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS;

18 (10) RECEIVING PUBLIC TESTIMONY; AND

19 (11) RESPONDING TO TESTIMONY PROVIDED AT A PUBLIC HEARING.

1 (E) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE PREVENTS A COUNCILMEMBER OR A MEMBER OF THEIR STAFF FROM
2 EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
3 STATES OF AMERICA OR THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.”.

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