

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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