County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 14

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 2016

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty and Jon Weinstein

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to clarify that there is no legislative session in August and to indicate that the session in December is only to take specified actions.

Introduced and read first time on Jeptember (9 20	16.
	By order Jesusa Foldman
	Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on	Henber 192016.
	By order Jessica Feldman
	Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted	, Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn by the
County Council on October 5, 2016.	Certified by Usica Foldman
	Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language.—Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment.

1	WHI	EREAS, Article II, Section 208(f) of the Howard County Charter provides that the
2	Council shal	l adopt and publish such Rules of Procedure as it determines are desirable for its
3	efficient ope	ration; and
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5	WHI	EREAS, the Council has determined that the Rules of Procedure must be amended to
6	ensure that th	ne Council operates efficiently and effectively.
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8	NOV Maryland thi	V, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
1.0	County Cour	ncil, set forth in Appendix A of the Howard County Code, are amended as follows:
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14		Rules of Procedure for the County Council
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19		Administrator shall prepare a written agenda for each legislative session and for each
20-		or public hearing. The legislative agenda shall include the following:
21	(1)	Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be introduced and the name or
22		Councilmember introducing each.
23	. (2)	Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be called for final reading and
24	vote.	
25	(3)	Numbers and titles of petitions properly before the Council for its consideration.
26	(4)	Such other business as may properly come before the Council.
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28	(1)	In accordance with Charter section 208(b)(2), there shall be no
29 ·	LEGISLATIVE	SESSION IN AUGUST, EXCEPT FOR AN EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE SESSION, UNLESS THE
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1	(2).	AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN DECEMBER, THE COUNCIL:
2		(I) SHALL ELECT OFFICERS;
3	•	(II) MAY ACT ON BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS ALREADY BEFORE IT;
4	AND	
5	· .	(III) EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, SHALL NOT CONSIDER THE
6	INTRO	DDUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION.
7	(3)	THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING ANY MONTH WHEN NO
8	LEGISLATION	IS INTRODUCED.
9	[[(a)]] (C)	Additions to Agenda.
10	(1)	The legislative agenda may remain open until 11 days prior to the legislative day
11	and each Co	uncilmember shall have the right to place thereon any proper matter of business.
12	(2)	Legislation to be included on the agenda for introduction shall be prefiled with the
13	Council Administrator no later than 2:00 p.m. on:	
14		(i) The 11th day preceding the legislative day; or
15		(ii) The second day preceding the County holiday if the prefile deadline
16	estab	lished in subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section falls on a day immediately before a
17	County Government holiday.	
18	(3)	Once the agenda has been closed, it may be amended for additions by an
19	affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Councilmembers.	
20	(4)	In case of a duly called emergency session or emergency legislation, the 11-day
21	period does not apply.	
22	[[(b)]] (D)	Preparation of Nonlegislative Agenda.
23	The Administrator shall prepare a written agenda for each worksession or hearing which	
24	shall include the following:	
25	(1)	Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be considered.
26	(2)	Such other business as may properly come before the Council.
27	[[(c)]](E)	Status of bills.
28	The Administrator shall prepare an addendum to the agenda for each legislative meeting	
29	which shall show the status of all legislative enactments of the current session having been	
30	properly introduced but not yet having been finally disposed	

- 1 [[(d)]] (F) Notice to Councilmember.
- 2 The Administration shall forward to each Councilmember a copy of each agenda, as
- 3 compiled at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to which it pertains.