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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

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Bill No. 18 -2018

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending certain references in the County Code to the consumer price index for all urban consumers that currently refer to the Baltimore-Washington Consumer Price Index to be the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson index, and generally relating to references to the consumer price index for all urban consumers.

Introduced and read first time April 2, 2018. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.
By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 16, 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 7, 2018 and Passed , Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 10th day of May, 2018 at 3 a.m./p.m.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved / Vetoed by the County Executive May 14, 2018

Allan H. Kittleman
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

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4 By amending:

5 Title 5 "County Council"

6 Section 5.200 "Annual Salary"

7 Subsection (a)

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9 Title 6 "County Executive and the Executive Branch"

10 Section 6.100 "Annual Salary"

11 Subsection (a)

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13 Title 10 "Elections and Election Districts"

14 Section 10.300 "Definitions"

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16 Title 28 "Downtown Columbia"

17 Section 28.115 "Payments required by CEPPAS".

18 Subsection (e)

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20 **Title 5. County Council.**

21 **Subtitle 2. Compensation.**

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23 **Section 5.200. Annual salary.**

24 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section, the annual salary of the
25 Chairperson and the other members of the County Council for the four-year term beginning on
26 the date in December of 2018 on which Council Members take office shall be calculated as
27 follows:

28 (1) Beginning on the date of installation in December 2018, the base salary shall be
29 \$66,174 per year;

30 (2) The salary shall increase annually on the anniversary date beginning in December
31 of 2015 and for each subsequent year of the term;

- 1 (3) The salary in December 2019 and for each subsequent year of the term shall be
2 equal to the amount of the base salary in the previous year increased by the same
3 percentage as the increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers
4 (CPI-U [[Washington-Baltimore DC-MD-VA-WV]] BALTIMORE-COLUMBIA-
5 TOWSON, MD average), all items, unadjusted ("CPI-U Index") for the 12-month
6 period ending on DECEMBER 31 [[January 31]] of the year for which the new
7 salary base is calculated. This new salary shall become the base for the calculation
8 of the salary for the subsequent year;
- 9 (4) In the event the Bureau of Labor Statistics abandons publication of the CPI-U
10 Index, the base salary for members of the county council shall be increased by 2.5
11 percent over the base of the preceding year.

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13 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

14 **Subtitle 1. The County Executive.**

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16 **Section 6.100. Annual salary.**

17 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section, the annual salary of the
18 County Executive for the four year term beginning on the date in December of 2018 on which
19 County Executive takes office shall be calculated as follows:

- 20 (1) Beginning on the date of installation in December 2018, the base salary shall be
21 \$195,800 per year;
- 22 (2) The base compensation in December 2019 and for each subsequent year of the term
23 shall be equal to the amount of the base compensation in the previous year
24 increased by the same percentage as the increase in the consumer price index for all
25 urban consumers (CPI-U [[Washington-Baltimore DC-MD-VA-WV]] BALTIMORE-
26 COLUMBIA-TOWSON, MD Average), all items, unadjusted ("CPI-U Index") for the
27 12-month period ending on DECEMBER 31 [[January 31]] of the year for which the
28 new base compensation is calculated. This new base compensation shall become
29 the base for the calculation of the salary for the subsequent year;

1 (3) In the event the Bureau of Labor Statistics abandons publication of the CPI-U
2 Index, the base compensation for the County Executive shall be increased by 2.5
3 percent over the base of the preceding year.
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5 **Title 10. Elections and Election Districts.**

6 **Subtitle 3. Citizens' Election Fund.**

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8 **Section 10.300. Definitions.**

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

10 (b) *Applicant candidate* means a candidate who is seeking to be a certified candidate in a
11 primary or general election.

12 (c) *Campaign finance entity* has the meaning stated in Title 1, subtitle 1 of the Election Law
13 article of the Maryland Code.

14 (d) *Certified candidate* means a candidate who is certified as eligible for public campaign
15 financing from the fund.

16 (e) *Citizen Funded Campaign account* means a campaign finance account into which eligible
17 contributions will be received and from which money may be spent in accordance with this
18 subtitle.

19 (f) *Commission* means the Citizens' Election Fund Commission.

20 (g) *CPI* means the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers: All items in [[Washington-
21 Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (CMSA)]] BALTIMORE-COLUMBIA-TOWSON, MD as published by
22 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

23 (h) *Contested election* means any election, including a special election, in which there are more
24 candidates for office than the number who can be elected to that office.

25 (i) *Contribution* has the meaning stated in Title 1, subtitle 1 of the Election Law article of the
26 Maryland Code.

27 (j) *County Board* means the Howard County Board of Elections.

28 (k) *County resident* means a natural person who resides in Howard County.

29 (l) *Director* means the Director of the Department of Finance or the Director's designee.

30 (m) *Election cycle* has the meaning stated in Title 1, subtitle 1 of the Election Law article of the
31 Maryland Code.

1 (n) *Eligible contribution* means an aggregate donation in a four-year election cycle from an
2 individual, including an individual who does not reside in the County, that does not exceed the
3 contribution limit set in this subtitle.

4 (o) *Fund* means the Citizens' Election Fund.

5 (p) *Participating candidate* means a certified candidate who has received a public contribution
6 from the Fund during the current election cycle.

7 (q) *Public contribution* means money disbursed from the fund to a certified candidate.

8 (r) *Qualifying contribution* means an eligible contribution in support of an applicant candidate
9 that is:

10 (1) Made by a County resident;

11 (2) Made after the beginning of the qualifying period, but no later than the next
12 general election; and

13 (3) Acknowledged by a receipt.

14 (s) *Qualifying period* means:

15 (1) The time beginning on January 1 following the last election for the office the
16 candidate seeks and ending 45 days before the date of the primary election; or

17 (2) For a special election, the time that the County Council sets by Resolution.

18 (t) *Slate* has the meaning stated in Title 1, subtitle 1 of the Election Law article of the Maryland
19 Code.

20 (u) *State Board* means the Maryland State Board of Elections.

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22 **Title 28. Downtown Columbia.**

23 **Subtitle 1. Downtown Columbia Partnership.**

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25 **Section 28.115. Payments required by CEPPAS.**

26 (e) *Commercial Revitalization*. Pursuant to the Downtown Columbia Plan:

27 (1) In accordance with CEPPA 25, owners of property in the District developed with
28 commercial uses pursuant to section 125a.9 of the Howard County Zoning
29 Regulations shall provide an annual payment of \$0.25 per square foot of gross
30 leasable area or net floor area for hotels calculated in accordance with the
31 Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) standards as certified by an

1 architect on plans submitted with an application for a building permit and
2 approved by the County;

3 (2) Beginning April 6, 2011, the payment required by paragraph (1) of this subsection
4 shall annually adjust based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers
5 (CPI-U) for the [[Washington-Baltimore]] BALTIMORE-COLUMBIA-TOWSON, MD
6 area published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department
7 of Labor; and

8 (3) (i) The initial payment shall be paid prior to issuance of occupancy permits
9 for the buildings and shall be pro-rated monthly based on the calendar
10 year;

11 (ii) Subsequent payments shall be due on or before January 1 of each year
12 following the year of initial payment.

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14 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
15 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 14, 2018.



Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2018.

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2018.

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2018.

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2018.

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2018.

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council