County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2019

Introduced by: Christiana Mercer Rigby

A I	RESOLUTION	amending	the I	Howard	County	Council	Rules	of	Procedure	to	provide	that
legislation shall be read by short title on second and third readings.												

	19.
	By order Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on	, 2019.
	By order
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted_County Council on, 2019.	, Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn by the
	Certified by Diane Schwartz Jones, 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.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 208(f) of the Howard County Charter provides that the Council shall adopt and publish such Rules of Procedure as it determines are desirable for its efficient operation; and WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the Rules of Procedure must be amended to ensure that the Council operates efficiently and effectively. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this ______ day of ______, 2019 that the Rules of Procedure of the Howard County Council, set forth in Appendix A of the Howard County Code, are amended as follows: Appendix A. **Rules of Procedure for the County Council** of Howard County, Maryland Rule 1.007 - Consideration of bills.

Reading of Bills. Every bill, before it shall pass the Council, shall be read on three different occasions. Any bill may be rejected upon introduction by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council. Any bill may be withdrawn from consideration before a vote on its final passage by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council. On the first reading, a bill shall be read by number and title only when introduced or when read as a substantively amended bill following readvertisement and rehearing as provided by these Rules. The public hearing shall be the second reading. On SECOND AND final [[reading]] READINGS, a bill shall be read by number and SHORT title only, except that any member may request on final reading that a bill be read once, section by section for amendment before vote on final passage, and, if amended, any member may request that a bill be read as amended before vote on final passage. If amended as to substance, the bill shall not be passed until the title is rewritten to reflect the substance of substantive amendments, a hearing is set on the substantive amendments, and proceedings are conducted as in the case of newly introduced bills. Amendments may be determined to be substantive by a majority vote of the Council upon motion of any member.

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2 Rule 1.008 - Consideration of resolutions. 3 There shall be a first reading and a final reading of each resolution; provided, however, that any 4 resolution may be rejected upon introduction by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the 5 Council, and provided further that any resolution may be withdrawn from consideration before a 6 vote on its final passage by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council. A resolution 7 shall be read by number and title. AT ANY READING OF A RESOLUTION OTHER THAN THE FIRST, THE 8 READING SHALL BE BY NUMBER AND SHORT TITLE. A public hearing may be held on resolutions at 9 the direction of the Chairperson or by motion approved by a majority of the Council. Vote on 10 final passage shall be on roll call by the yeas and nays, and a majority of the votes of the 11 members shall be necessary to pass the resolution. If no member objects, the Council may enact more than one resolution by a single combined roll call vote. An enrolled copy shall be prepared 12 13 after final passage and certified a true copy by the Administrator. On enrolling, the Administrator 14 shall have authority to correct obvious errors in section references and numbers, capitalization, 15 spelling, grammar, headings and similar matters. 16