## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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## **RESOLUTION NO. ///- 2019**

Introduced by: Christiana Mercer Rigby

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

Introduced and read first time on September 3,	2019.
	By order Alaste Jones Administrator to the County Council
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Se	By order Diane A. Londs  Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopte County Council on October 7 , 2019.	d. Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn by the  Certified by

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.

## Appendix A.

## Rules of Procedure for the County Council of Howard County, Maryland

17 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 Any bill may be withdrawn from consideration before a vote on its final passage by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council.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.