

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 97 -2020

Introduced by: Deb Jung

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 212 “County Auditor” by requiring the County Auditor to accompany the County Executive and the Council Chair on all discussions with officials of credit rating agencies; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

Introduced and read first time on _____, 2020.

Council

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on _____, 2020.

Council

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on _____, 2020.

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; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 conduct other financial or management audits. All records and files maintained by all
2 officers, agents and employees of the County and all offices, departments, institutions,
3 boards, commissions, courts and corporations and other agencies thereof, shall at all
4 times be open to the inspection of the County Auditor where necessary for the conduct of
5 his or her office. The County Auditor shall promptly call to the attention of the Council
6 and the County Executive any irregularity or improper procedure which he or she may,
7 from time to time, discover. THE COUNTY AUDITOR SHALL ACCOMPANY THE COUNTY
8 EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL CHAIR ON ALL DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF CREDIT
9 RATING AGENCIES. The Council shall have the power to implement the provisions of this
10 section and to assign additional functions, duties and personnel to the County Auditor not
11 inconsistent with those provided herein. All actions of the Council pursuant to this
12 section shall be exempt from the executive veto.

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14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
15 County, Maryland, that at the next general election to be held in Maryland, the proposed
16 amendment to the Howard County Charter shall be submitted to the voters of Howard County for
17 their adoption or rejection in accordance with the provisions of the Article X of the Howard
18 County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, and if adopted by the majority of
19 the voters, shall stand adopted from and after the 30th day following the general election.

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21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
22 Maryland, that this Resolution, having been approved by two-thirds of the members of the
23 Howard County Council, stands adopted this ___ day of _____, 2020 in accordance
24 with provisions of Article X of the Howard County Charter.