

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 96-2020

Introduced: June 1, 2020

Auditor: Maya Cameron

Fiscal Impact:

There will be minimal fiscal impact of this legislation.

According to the Baltimore Sun's Ad Options website, the cost¹ to publish the amendment announcement in the Howard County Times will be approximately \$340.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to amend County Charter Section 209 in order to alter the minimum time between introduction of a bill and the public hearing on the bill from ten calendar days to seven calendar days.

Other Comments:

Decreasing the number of days between the introduction of a bill and the public hearing will lessen the amount of time allotted for the Auditor to complete fiscal impacts statements as required in Council Bill 8-2020.

Charter amendments must be approved by a two-thirds Council vote and are then submitted to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection.

Any amendment to the Charter must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

The next general election in Maryland is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

¹ Source: <https://placeanad.baltimoresun.com/ad-options/?pub=howard-county-times&type=productpublication>
\$68 per publication x 5 weeks = \$340