

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 109 - 2012

Introduced by: Council Member Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 603 “Submission and contents of the County budget” of the Howard County Charter by limiting the amount of contingency funds held in reserve to 3% of each fund in the current expense budget; 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 XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2012.

By order _____
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on _____, 2012.

By order _____
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted ____, Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on _____, 2012.

By order _____
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

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

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
2 Section 603 “Submission and contents of the County budget” subsection (a) “Contents of
3 current expense budget”, of Article VI, “Budgetary and Fiscal Procedures”, of the
4 Howard County Charter, be, and is hereby amended to read as follows:

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6 **Section 603. Submission and contents of the County budget.**

7 (a) *Contents of the current expense budget.* The proposed current expense budget shall
8 contain not less than the following information:

9 (1) A statement of all revenue estimated to be received by the County during the
10 ensuing fiscal year, classified so as to show the receipts by funds and sources of
11 income;

12 (2) A statement of debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal year;

13 (3) A statement of the estimated cash surplus, if any, available for expenditure
14 during the ensuing fiscal year, and any estimated deficit in any fund required to be
15 made up in the ensuing fiscal year;

16 (4) An estimate of the several amounts, including any arbitrator's award made
17 pursuant to section 217, which the executive deems necessary for conducting the
18 business of the County to be financed from and not to exceed estimated revenue for
19 the ensuing fiscal year;

20 (5) A statement of the bonded and other indebtedness of the County government
21 and its agencies, including self-liquidating and special taxing district debt;

22 (6) A statement of the proposed contingency reserves FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND
23 EACH OTHER FUND which shall not exceed three per centum of [[the general fund and
24 of any other]] EACH fund;

25 (7) A comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures for the last
26 completed fiscal year, a comparative statement of authorized expenditures and
27 revenues and estimated expenditures and revenues for the currently ending fiscal
28 year, and the expenditures recommended by the Executive for the ensuing fiscal
29 year for each program or project which shall be classified by agency, character and
30 object; and

31 (8) Any other material which the Executive may deem advisable or the Council

1 may require.

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3 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *by the County Council of Howard*
4 *County, Maryland, that at the next general election to be held in Maryland, the proposed*
5 *amendment to the Howard County Charter shall be submitted to the voters of Howard*
6 *County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with the provisions of the Article X*
7 *of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution, and if*
8 *adopted by the majority of the voters, shall stand adopted from and after the 30th day*
9 *following the general election;*

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11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *by the County Council of Howard*
12 *County, Maryland, that this Resolution, having been approved by two-thirds of the*
13 *members of the Howard County Council, stands adopted this _____ day of*
14 *_____, 2012 in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter.*