

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day No. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 2015

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to alter the way amendments are journalized; and generally relating to the Council Rules of Procedure.

Introduced and read first time on March 2, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on March 16, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on April 6, 2015.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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 **WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 208(f) of the Howard County Charter provides that the
2 Council shall adopt and publish such Rules of Procedure as it determines are desirable for its
3 efficient operation; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the full text of all legislation and amendments is freely available to the
6 public at the Council office or online; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, eliminating lengthy passages that lack context and are therefore hard to
9 understand will streamline the Journal making it more useful as a reference document; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that the Rules of Procedure must be amended to
12 ensure that the Council operates efficiently and effectively.

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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
15 Maryland this 10th day of April, 2015 that the Rules of Procedure of the Howard
16 County Council, set forth in Appendix A of the Howard County Code, are amended as follows:

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18 **Appendix A.**

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20 **Rules of Procedure for the County Council**
21 **of Howard County, Maryland**

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23 **Rule 1.011 - Council journal.**

24 When a bill, resolution or other legislative matter is journalized for the first time, its title
25 shall be entered in full. Thereafter, subsequent journal entries for any legislative matter may be
26 made by number and an abbreviated title. All amendments shall be ~~INDICATED~~ in the
27 journal BY DESCRIPTION AND NUMBER when proposed. The name of every Councilmember
28 introducing a bill or a resolution or moving to amend a bill or resolution or other legislative
29 matter shall be entered on the Journal. Every question or motion presented to the Council for
30 decision, and the title of every bill or resolution or other legislative matter considered, shall be

1 entered upon the journal.

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3 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these amendments to the Howard County

4 Council Rules of Procedure shall take effect on passage of this Resolution.