

Amendment 1
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(This amendment removes references to the Metropolitan District.)

1 On the title page, in line 7, after “definitions;” insert “to amend Section 606 ‘Action on the
2 annual budget and appropriation ordinance by the County Council’ and Section 914
3 ‘Definitions and rules of construction’ by removing obsolete references;”
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5 On page 3, in line 25, insert the following:

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7 **“AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *by the County Council of Howard County,*
8 *Maryland that Section 606 “Action on the annual budget and appropriation ordinance by the*
9 *County Council”, of the Howard County Charter, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

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11 **Section 606. - Action on the annual budget and appropriation ordinance by the**
12 **County Council.**

13 After the public hearing specified in the preceding section [605], the Council may
14 decrease or delete any items in the budget ordinance except those required by the public
15 general laws of this State and except any provisions for debt service on obligations then
16 outstanding or for estimated cash deficits. The Council shall have no power to change the
17 form of the budget as submitted by the Executive, to alter the revenue estimates or to
18 increase any expenditure recommended by the Executive for current or capital purposes
19 unless expressly provided in State law and except to correct mathematical errors. The
20 adoption of the budget ordinance, which shall include only the current expense budget
21 and the capital budget, shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the
22 Council on an ordinance to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance
23 of Howard County. The capital program, as defined in this Charter, shall be adopted by

1 the Council by its separate resolution. Any borrowing to finance capital projects must be
2 authorized by an existing law of the General Assembly of Maryland [(including laws
3 authorizing borrowing on behalf of the Metropolitan Commission)] or by a law of the
4 Council adopted in accordance with the Charter. The Council may adopt from time to
5 time bond issue authorization ordinances pursuant to an enabling law or laws then in
6 force and effect to provide the means of financing such capital projects as are to be
7 financed from borrowing. Such bond issue authorization ordinances are not subject to
8 referendum and shall take effect from the date of their enactment. All of said ordinances
9 referred to in this Section shall be exempt from the executive veto. The Annual Budget
10 and Appropriation Ordinance shall be adopted by the Council on or before the first day of
11 the last month of the fiscal year currently ending, and if the Council fails to do so, the
12 proposed current expense budget submitted by the Executive shall stand adopted, and
13 funds for the expenditures proposed in the current expense budget shall stand
14 appropriated as fully and to the same extent as if favorable action thereon had been taken
15 by the Council.”

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17 On page 7, in line 25, insert the following:

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19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *by the County Council of Howard County,*
20 *Maryland that Section 914 “Definitions and rules of construction”, of the Howard County*
21 *Charter, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

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23 **Section 914. Definitions and rules of construction.**

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25 [(m) The "Howard County Metropolitan Commission" means the agency appointed
26 by the Howard County Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Chapter 991
27 of the Acts of the Maryland General Assembly of 1943 and dealt with in Sections 165
28 through 192 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 edition as
29 amended and supplemented).]

30 [(n)](M) The phrase "two-thirds of the members of the Council" shall mean at least two-
31 thirds of all members and, in the case of a five-member Council, shall mean four

1 members.

2 [(o)](N) The term "county government" shall include all offices, departments,
3 institutions, boards, commissions, and agencies established under the Howard County
4 Charter, law or resolution, and their officers, agents and employees.”

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