

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2015

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty

Co-sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Jennifer Terrasa and Jon Weinstein

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to allow a Council Member to be added as a co-sponsor at a certain time and in a certain manner; and generally relating to the Council Rules of Procedure.

Introduced and read first time on _____, 2015.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

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

By order _____
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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on _____, 2015.

Certified by _____
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 Council has determined that the Rules of Procedure must be amended to
6 ensure that the Council operates efficiently and effectively.

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

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12 **Appendix A.**

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14 **Rules of Procedure for the County Council**
15 **of Howard County, Maryland**

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17 Rule 1.006 - Introduction of bills, resolutions and petitions.

18 (a) *Introduction of Bills or Resolutions.* Bills or Resolutions which have been prefiled as
19 provided in section 1.002(a) of these rules may be introduced by any member at any meeting on
20 call of bills or resolutions. Bills and Resolutions prefiled by the Administration shall be
21 identified as introduced by "The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive." Bills or
22 resolutions which have not been prefiled may be added to the agenda for introduction by an
23 affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Council Members to amend the agenda. A bill or
24 resolution as introduced shall be printed in the form herein provided. When a bill or resolution is
25 introduced, the Administrator shall certify the copy introduced and shall maintain a file on all
26 such original bills or resolutions. The Administrator shall cause copies thereof to be reproduced
27 and made available to the Council Members and the news media, and shall post one copy on the
28 official bulletin board. Copies shall be made available to the public at reasonable cost. The
29 Administrator shall provide for the notice required by law.

30 (B) *ADDITION OF CO-SPONSORS. AFTER A BILL OR RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PREFILED AND*

1 BEFORE THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT WHICH THE BILL OR RESOLUTION IS
2 INTRODUCED, A COUNCIL MEMBER MAY, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE ORIGINAL SPONSOR, DIRECT
3 THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADD THE COUNCIL MEMBER AS A CO-SPONSOR. AFTER THE
4 ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT WHICH A BILL OR RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED, A
5 CO-SPONSOR MAY BE ADDED BY AMENDMENT.

6 ~~[[b)]]~~ (C) *Introduction of Petitions.* Petitions may be presented by the Administrator to the
7 County Council upon application by any person entitled by law to petition the County Council.
8 When a petition is presented, the Administrator shall certify the copy presented, shall give it a
9 number, and shall maintain a file on all such petitions. The Administrator shall cause copies
10 thereof to be reproduced and made available to the Council Members, the public, the news
11 media, and shall post one on the official bulletin board. If the petition raises an issue requiring
12 notice, the Administrator shall provide for the notice required by law.

13 ~~[[c)]]~~ (D) *Form of Bills.* Each bill shall have printed on the first page thereof the form
14 as provided in appendix A of these Rules. The Administrator shall attach to each bill
15 following its enactment a page summarizing its final status, as provided in appendix B of these
16 rules; for each resolution, a page shall be attached as provided in appendix C; for each petition
17 a page shall be attached as provided in appendix D.

18 (1) *Title.* The title shall be succinct to the reference of the general subject of the
19 bill.

20 (2) *Enacting clause.* The enacting clause shall read "Be it enacted by the
21 County Council of Howard County, Maryland".

22 (3) *Numbering of sections.* Section of a bill shall be numbered in Arabic
23 numerals.

24 (4) *Numbering of lines.* The lines of the text of a bill shall be consecutively
25 numbered commencing at the top line of each page.

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27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these amendments to the Howard County
28 Council Rules of Procedure shall take effect on passage of this Resolution.