County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session   Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. <u>51</u>-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT clarifying the method of computing time for deadlines set forth in the Howard County Code; defining certain terms; and generally relating to computing time.

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Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order_____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 and Passed ___, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___day of _____, 2016 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2016

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Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

*Section 1. **Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

By adding Subtitle 9 "Computation of Time" to

Title 22 "General Provisions"

Title 22. General Provisions.
SUBTITLE 9. COMPUTATION OF TIME.

SECTION 22.900. DEFINITIONS.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(A) *DEADLINE* MEANS THE LAST DAY OF ANY PERIOD OF TIME BY WHICH ANY PERSON OR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO TAKE SOME ACTION.

(B) *HOLIDAY* MEANS RECOGNIZED COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS.

(C) *ORDINARY BUSINESS HOURS* MEANS 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

SECTION 22.901. APPLICATION.

THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ANY DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY THIS CODE.

SECTION 22.902. COMPUTATION OF TIME.

(A) *BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD OF TIME.* IN COMPUTING ANY PERIOD OF TIME PRESCRIBED BY THIS CODE, THE DAY OF THE ACT, EVENT, OR DEFAULT, AFTER WHICH THE DESIGNATED PERIOD OF TIME BEGINS TO RUN, IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED.

(B) *DEADLINE.* THE DEADLINE IS TO BE COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) IF THE LAST DAY IS A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY, THE DEADLINE SHALL BE THE END OF THE NEXT DAY, WHICH IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY; OR

(2) IF THE COUNTY OFFICE IS NOT OPEN ON THE LAST DAY OF THE PERIOD, OR IS CLOSED FOR A PART OF A DAY, THE DEADLINE SHALL BE THE END OF THE NEXT DAY WHICH IS:

(I) NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY; OR

(II) A DAY ON WHICH THE COUNTY OFFICE IS OPEN THE ENTIRE DAY DURING

1   ORDINARY BUSINESS HOURS.

2   (C) *COUNTING DAYS.* WHEN COMPUTING A PERIOD OF TIME, INTERMEDIATE SATURDAYS,

3   SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS SHALL:

4   (1)   BE COUNTED WHEN THE PERIOD OF TIME ALLOWED IS MORE THAN 7 DAYS; OR

5   (2)   NOT BE COUNTED WHEN THE PERIOD OF TIME ALLOWED IS 7 DAYS OR LESS.

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7   ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that*

8   *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*