County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 14

RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2016

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty and Jon Weinstein

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to clarify that there is no legislative session in August and to indicate that the session in December is only to take specified actions.

	2016.
	By order Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on	, 2016.
	By order
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopte County Council on	ed, Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn by the
	Certified by

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; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment.

1	WHEREAS, Article II, Section 208(f) of the Howard County Charter provides that the					
2	Counc	Council shall adopt and publish such Rules of Procedure as it determines are desirable for its				
3	efficie	nt ope	eration; and			
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5		WH	EREAS, the Council has determined that the Rules of Procedure must be amended to			
6	ensure	ensure that the Council operates efficiently and effectively.				
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8		NOV	W, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County.			
9	Maryl	and th	is day of, 2016 that the Rules of Procedure of the Howard			
10	Count	y Cou	ncil, 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	1.002 -	- Agenda.			
18	(A)	IN GE	ENERAL.			
19		The A	Administrator shall prepare a written agenda for each legislative session and for each			
20	worksession or public hearing. The legislative agenda shall include the following:					
21		(1)	Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be introduced and the name or			
22	names of the Councilmember introducing each.					
23		(2)	Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be called for final reading and			
24	vote.					
25		(3)	Numbers and titles of petitions properly before the Council for its consideration.			
26		(4)	Such other business as may properly come before the Council.			
27	(B)	CALE	ENDAR.			
28		(1)	In accordance with Charter section $208(B)(2)$, there shall be no			
29	LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN AUGUST, EXCEPT FOR AN EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE SESSION, UNLESS THE					
30	COUNC	COUNCIL PROVIDES BY RESOLUTION FOR A SESSION IN AUGUST.				

1	(2)	AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN DECEMBER, THE COUNCIL:	
2		(I) SHALL ELECT OFFICERS;	
3		(II) MAY ACT ON BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS ALREADY BEFORE IT;	
4	AND		
5		(III) EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, SHALL NOT CONSIDER THE	
6	INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION.		
7	(3)	THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING ANY MONTH WHEN NO	
8	LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED.		
9	[[(a)]] (C)	Additions to Agenda.	
10	(1)	The legislative agenda may remain open until 11 days prior to the legislative day	
11	and each Councilmember shall have the right to place thereon any proper matter of business.		
12	(2)	Legislation to be included on the agenda for introduction shall be prefiled with the	
13	Council Administrator no later than 2:00 p.m. on:		
14		(i) The 11th day preceding the legislative day; or	
15		(ii) The second day preceding the County holiday if the prefile deadline	
16	established in subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section falls on a day immediately before a		
17	Count	y Government holiday.	
18	(3)	Once the agenda has been closed, it may be amended for additions by an	
19	9 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Councilmembers.		
20	(4)	In case of a duly called emergency session or emergency legislation, the 11-day	
21	period does not apply.		
22	[[(b)]] (D)	Preparation of Nonlegislative Agenda.	
23	The Administrator shall prepare a written agenda for each worksession or hearing which		
24	shall include the following:		
25	(1)	Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be considered.	
26	(2)	Such other business as may properly come before the Council.	
27	[[(c)]](E)	Status of bills.	
28	The Administrator shall prepare an addendum to the agenda for each legislative meeting		
29	which shall show the status of all legislative enactments of the current session having been		
30	properly introduced but not yet having been finally disposed.		

- $1 \quad [[(d)]]$ (F) Notice to Councilmember.
- 2 The Administration shall forward to each Councilmember a copy of each agenda, as
- 3 compiled at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to which it pertains.