

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2015-15**

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2015

Title of Resolution: Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council – Final Reading of Bills

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend the Council’s Policies and Procedures to provide that the Council may adopt a Bill at the same legislative session of the public hearing.

Introduced by: County Council Members

Introduced and order posted on: July 21, 2015

Public hearing scheduled on: August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: September 1, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution having been posted by ___ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton and having been published according to Charter on _____, a public hearing was held on _____ and concluded on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE
{Brackets} indicate matter deleted from existing Ordinance
Underlining indicates language added to an Ordinance by amendment
Strike through indicates language stricken out of an Ordinance by amendment

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Charter of Cecil County, Maryland, provides for the Legislative Branch of government
2 as the County Council of Cecil County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the legislative powers and procedures are outlined in the Charter of Cecil County; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Charter allows the County Council to adopt and public additional rules of legislative
5 procedure that may be desirable and not in conflict with this Charter; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has determined that additional policies and procedures are
7 necessary to support the legislative process in order to operate in a consistent and efficient manner; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council may be amended by the County
9 Council according to the legislative procedures in Sections 303-304 of the Charter of Cecil County,
10 Maryland.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland that
12 the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures of the Cecil County Council is hereby approved as
13 follows:

14 **5-12. Final reading of Bills**

15 a) Only bills eligible for adoption by the Council under the applicable provisions of law, the Charter,
16 ordinance and/or these Policies and Procedures may be scheduled for final reading.

17 b) An amended bill on final reading cannot be adopted by the Council until the bill is reprinted or
18 reproduced as amended.

19 c) THE COUNCIL WILL SCHEDULE FINAL READING OF THE BILL AT THE SAME LEGISLATIVE SESSION WHEN
20 THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BILL HAS BEEN HELD AND CONCLUDED, UNLESS A MOTION IS APPROVED TO
21 LAY OVER THE FINAL READING OF THE BILL TO ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

22 {c)} D) Except as provided in Rule 5-13, a bill shall stand adopted by the Council when a bill scheduled for
23 final reading has been adopted by the Council with an affirmative vote by the required number of
24 members.

25 {d)} E) After adoption of a bill, and prior to its submission to the County Executive, if required, the Council
26 President may correct errors in punctuation, grammar, spelling, formatting, errors in section numbers,
27 incorrect references to existing law, as well as improper capitalization, provided such changes do not alter a
28 bill's substance.

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29 {e)} F) The Council President shall certify an adopted bill. Thereafter, and pursuant to any relevant provision
30 of law, the Charter, and/or ordinance, the President shall forward the certified bill to the County Executive
31 for further consideration within ten (10) business days after adoption.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County that all provisions of this
33 Resolution shall take effect on the date the Resolution is adopted by the Council.

INTRODUCED: July 21, 2015

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager