

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2015

Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council - Expedited Legislation

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2015-17**

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Title of Resolution: Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council – Expedited Legislation

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend the Council’s Policies and Procedures to provide a procedure so that the County Council can expedite legislation when necessary.

Introduced by: Council Members

Introduced and order posted on: September 1, 2015

Public hearing scheduled on: October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: October 20, 2015

By: James Massey
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution having been posted by September 1, 2015 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton and having been published according to Charter on September 23, 2015 and September 30, 2015, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2015 and concluded on October 6, 2015.

By: James Massey
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE
{Brackets} indicate matter deleted from existing Ordinance

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Underlining indicates language added to an Ordinance by amendment

Strike through indicates language stricken out of an Ordinance by amendment

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 additional rules of legislative procedure
5 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 **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

15 **1-1 Definition**

16 j) "Expedited legislation" means legislation that is introduced, requested for expediting by sponsor,
17 approved by a supermajority of the Council at introduction, scheduled for public hearing four weeks from
18 introduction, and subject to final reading at the conclusion of the public hearing at the same legislative
19 session.

20 **Chapter 5 Conduct of Business**

21 **5-19 Expedited Legislation**

- 22 a) At the time of introduction of legislation, a bill sponsor may request that the Council expedite a bill
23 by providing a reason such as meeting a deadline, a cost-saving advantage to the county or
24 similar condition.
- 25 b) At the introduction of a bill being requested for expediting, the Council shall determine whether to
26 treat the legislation as expedited by a supermajority; four of five Council Members must vote in
27 favor of the expedited status.

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- 28 c) After introduction and approval of the expedited status, the legislation will be identified as
29 "expedited" and the date of the public hearing will be scheduled four weeks from introduction and
30 the date of consideration will be scheduled on the same date as the public hearing.
- 31 d) After the public hearing has been concluded, the Council may consider the expedited legislation at
32 the same legislative session, unless the majority of Council Members request to delay consideration
33 until a later date.
- 34 e) The effective date for expedited legislation shall be sixty calendar days after enactment.

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

INTRODUCED: September 1, 2015

ADOPTED: October 20, 2015



President of the Council

ATTEST:



Council Manager