

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2017-17**

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2017

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 Procedure Manual to allow the passage of legislation on the night of public hearing under certain conditions.

Introduced by: Council President Bowsbey

Introduced and order posted on: September 5, 2017

Consideration scheduled on: September 19, 2017

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by _____ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Charter of Cecil County, Maryland, provides that the County Council of Cecil County,
2 Maryland, is the Legislative Branch of government; 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 necessary
7 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, Maryland.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**

11 **MARYLAND**, that the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures of the Cecil County Council is hereby
12 approved as follows:

13 Chapter 5. Conduct of Business

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

18 **B) AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING ON A BILL AND RESOLUTION HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, THE COUNCIL
19 MAY CONSIDER THE LEGISLATION AT THE SAME SESSION UNLESS THE LEGISLATION HAS
20 AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENTS CONSTITUTING A CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE.**

21 **C) COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY VOTE TO TABLE A BILL OR RESOLUTION AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING IN
22 ORDER TO DELAY CONSIDERATION UNTIL THE NEXT LEGISLATION SESSION.**

23 **D)b) An amended bill on final reading cannot be adopted by the Council until the bill is reprinted or
24 reproduced as amended.**

25 **E)e) ~~Except as provided in Rule 5-13, a~~ A Bill shall stand adopted by the Council when a bill scheduled
26 for final reading has been adopted by the Council with an affirmative vote by the required
27 number of members.**

28 **F)d) After adoption of a bill, and prior to its submission to the County Executive, if required, the Council
29 President may correct errors in punctuation, grammar, spelling, formatting, errors in section**

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30 numbers, incorrect references to existing laws, as well as improper capitalization, provided such
31 changes do not alter a bill's substance.

32 **G)e)** The Council President shall certify an adopted bill. Thereafter, and pursuant to any relevant
33 provisions of law, the Charter, and/or ordinances, the President shall forward the certified bill to the
34 county Executive for further consideration within ten (10) business days after adoption.

35 **AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that this
36 Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: September 5, 2017

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager