

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

BILL NO. 2017-18

Title of Bill: County Council - Procurement - Exemption - Publication of Notices and Codification of Laws

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Code of Cecil County in order to exempt the legal notices and codification of the Code from procurement procedures.

Introduced by: Council President

Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on: September 5, 2017

Public hearing scheduled: October 3, 2017 at: 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for Consideration: October 17, 2017

By: _____
Council Manager

Public Hearing

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

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING BILL.
{Brackets} indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment.
~~Strike through~~ indicates language stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 304(d) of the Cecil County Charter, the Council is required to
2 publish a notice of a public hearing for at least once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of
3 general circulation in the County; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the notice of public hearing must include the title, fair summary of the legislation, and
5 date, time, and place of the public hearing; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 309 of the Cecil County Charter, the Council is required to
7 publish a notice of enactment for at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the notice of enactment must include a fair summary of all laws enacted, amended, or
9 repealed under this Charter; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 310 of the Cecil County Charter, the Council is required to
11 codify all local laws of the County which are of general application and continuing force in the County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manual, effective December 3, 2012, Section 9.3 requires that Purchase
13 Orders are required for any order greater than \$500 regardless of anticipated payment method; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manual, Section 92.7 exempts professional and educational services
15 providing that the service is registered with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation and
16 qualified to do business in the State of Maryland in compliance with the Corporations and Associations
17 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the cost of individual notices of public hearing, notices of enactment, and updates to the
19 codified law are less than \$500; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the publishing of notices and codified law is to keep the public aware of Council actions
21 in a transparent process; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Charter of Cecil County, the Council is given the
23 authority of using the Council budget for reasonable and necessary expenses; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Council is given authority for the determination of the publication of notices of
25 public hearing and enactments, and the codification of laws; and

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
27 Part I, Chapter 21 of the Code of Cecil County is hereby amended by adding a new Section 21-3 as follows:

28 **Chapter 21 – County Council**

29 **21-3 EXEMPTION**

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30 **THE COUNTY COUNCIL NOTICES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ENACTMENT AND CONDIFICATION OF THE**
31 **CODE OF CECIL COUNTY IS EXEMPT FROM THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS.**

32 **AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**

33 that this Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY: Council Manager