

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-19**

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2020

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

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend Section 5-12 in the Council's Policies and Procedures to remove a reference to Rule 5-13, which had been previously removed from document

Introduced by: Council President Meffley

Introduced and ordered posted on: September 1, 2020

Public Hearing scheduled on: October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: October 20, 2020

By: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

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

By: _____
Council Manager

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING RESOLUTION

~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing Resolution

Underlining indicates language added to Resolution by Amendment

~~Double Strike Through~~ indicates language stricken out of Resolution by Amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter of Cecil County, Maryland (the “Charter”),
2 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland (the “Council”) is the Legislative Branch of government;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the legislative powers and procedures are outlined in the Charter; and

5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter, the Council may adopt and publish
6 additional rules of legislative procedure that may be desirable and not in conflict with the Charter;
7 and

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

11 **WHEREAS**, the policies and procedures of the Council may be amended by the Council
12 according to the legislative procedures in Sections 303-304 of the Charter.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
14 **MARYLAND**, that the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures of the Cecil County Council is
15 hereby approved as follows:

16 Chapter 5. Conduct of Business

17 **5-12. Final Reading of Bills**

- 18 a) Only bills eligible for adoption by the Council under the applicable provisions of law, the
19 Charter, ordinance and/or these Policies and Procedures may be scheduled for final
20 reading.
- 21 b) An amended bill on final reading cannot be adopted by the Council until the bill is
22 reprinted or reproduced as amended.
- 23 c) ~~Except as provided in Rule 5-13, a~~ A bill shall stand adopted by the Council when a bill
24 scheduled for final reading has been adopted by the Council with an affirmative vote by the
25 required number of members.
- 26 d) After adoption of a bill, and prior to its submission to the County Executive, if required, the
27 Council President may correct errors in punctuation, grammar, spelling, formatting, errors
28 in section numbers, incorrect references to existing laws, as well as improper capitalization,
29 provided such changes do not alter a bill's substance.

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

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that all
35 provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date the Resolution is adopted by the Council.

INTRODUCED: September 1, 2020

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager