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

RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 2020

Title of Resolution: Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Legislative Days

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend Section 2-1 in the Council's Policies and Procedures to add that the Council President, with Council approval, may determine additional legislative days, as needed.

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.
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter of Cecil County, Maryland (the “Charter”),
the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland (the “Council”) is the Legislative Branch of government;
and
WHEREAS, the legislative powers and procedures are outlined in the Charter; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter, the Council may adopt and publish
additional rules of legislative procedure that may be desirable and not in conflict with the Charter;
and
WHEREAS, the Council has determined that additional policies and procedures are
necessary to support the legislative process in order to operate in a consistent and efficient
manner; and
WHEREAS, the policies and procedures of the Council may be amended by the Council
according to the legislative procedures in Sections 303-304 of the Charter.

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

Chapter 2. Meetings Generally

2-1. Legislative Days

a) The Council shall meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and these meetings shall be
termed a “Legislative Session Day”. On a Legislative Session Day, the President shall schedule the
final reading of bills, the introduction of new bills, introduction and consideration of amendments
to bills, resolutions, and ceremonial functions. When the first or third Tuesday falls on a holiday,
the next succeeding Tuesday shall be a day for enactment of legislation.

b) The Council President may add to a designated Legislative Session Day agenda other subject
matter and activity that is within the powers and duties of the Council to perform or engage, in
accordance with Section 2-2 of this Chapter. A final reading of a Bill cannot be scheduled on the
same legislative session day that the public hearing was held, UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED
AS EXPEDITED LEGISLATION.

c) Proposed amendments to bills scheduled for final reading may be introduced and considered by
the Council provided such amendments are not substantive (See Rule 5-11). If the proposed
amendments to a bill is substantive, then the bill shall not be adopted at the meeting. The Council President shall schedule another public hearing on the amended bill, after which the bill may be scheduled for final reading, pursuant to the Charter.

d) **THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WITH COUNCIL APPROVAL, MAY DETERMINE ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE DAYS, AS NEEDED.**

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

**INTRODUCED:** September 1, 2020  
**ADOPTED:** ____________________

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager