

**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: James Massey
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution, having been posted by September 1, 2020 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland, and having been published, according to the Charter on September 23, 2020 and September 30, 2020, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2020 and concluded on October 6, 2020.

By: James Massey
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 2. Meetings Generally

17 **2-1. Legislative Days**

- 18 a) The Council shall meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and these meetings shall be
19 termed a “Legislative Session Day”. On a Legislative Session Day, the President shall schedule the
20 final reading of bills, the introduction of new bills, introduction and consideration of amendments
21 to bills, resolutions, and ceremonial functions. When the first or third Tuesday falls on a holiday,
22 the next succeeding Tuesday shall be a day for enactment of legislation.
- 23 b) The Council President may add to a designated Legislative Session Day agenda other subject
24 matter and activity that is within the powers and duties of the Council to perform or engage, in
25 accordance with Section 2-2 of this Chapter. A final reading of a Bill cannot be scheduled on the
26 same legislative session day that the public hearing was held, **UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED**
27 **AS EXPEDITED LEGISLATION.**
- 28 c) Proposed amendments to bills scheduled for final reading may be introduced and considered by
29 the Council provided such amendments are not substantive (See Rule 5-11). If the proposed

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30 amendments to a bill is substantive, then the bill shall not be adopted at the meeting. The Council
31 President shall schedule another public hearing on the amended bill, after which the bill may be
32 scheduled for final reading, pursuant to the Charter.

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

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

INTRODUCED: September 1, 2020

ADOPTED: October 20, 2020



President of the Council

ATTEST:



Council Manager