

E. CAPITAL ITEMS. THE PROPOSED BUDGET MAY PROPERLY INCLUDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING, IMPROVING OR ERECTING BUILDINGS OR CONSTRUCTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING DULY AUTHORIZED COUNTY FUNCTIONS, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BEYOND THE CURRENT YEAR.

34-7. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BUDGET.

IN EACH YEAR DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET SHALL, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE (WHICH SAID PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL ALSO CONTAIN A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET) HOLD AT LEAST TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET, ONE (1) OF WHICH SHALL BE HELD DURING EVENING HOURS. PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF SAID HEARING SHALL BE GIVEN BY AT LEAST ONE (1) WEEK'S NOTICE IN AT LEAST ONE (1) NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN CECIL COUNTY. FROM MAY 1 TO JUNE 1 IN EACH YEAR AT LEAST ONE (1) COPY OF SUCH PROPOSED BUDGET SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES DURING ALL REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

34-8. REVISION AND FINAL VERSION OF BUDGET.

A. DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1 TO JUNE 1 IN EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF CECIL COUNTY MAY REVISE THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND ANY PART THEREOF BY INCREASING, DECREASING, ELIMINATING OR ADDING ITEMS, PROVIDED THAT THERE SHALL BE NO CONSOLIDATION OF ITEMS IN SUCH MANNER AS TO REDUCE THE DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS. THE BOARD SHALL FURTHER BE AUTHORIZED TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND ESTIMATED RATES IN SUCH MANNER AS THE BOARD CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

B. NO LATER THAN JUNE 1 IN EACH YEAR, OR ON THE FIRST DAY THEREAFTER, IF JUNE 1 BE A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF CECIL COUNTY SHALL BY A MAJORITY VOTE ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET, SCHEDULE OF ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS, FIX THE TAX RATE AND IMPOSE THE LEVY FOR THE ENSURING FISCAL YEAR. SUCH LEVY, TOGETHER WITH ANY SURPLUS COUNTY FUNDS AND ALL OTHER REVENUES FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES AS SHOWN BY THE SCHEDULE OF ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS, MUST BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE BUDGET. THE FINAL BUDGET, SCHEDULE OF ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND LEVIES SO ADOPTED SHALL BE SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES, CERTIFIED BY ITS CLERK, AND AT LEAST ONE (1) COPY KEPT ON RECORD AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR THEY COVER.