

Section 108. *Officers of the Council*

The Council shall elect, from among its members, a president of the Council, who shall preside over meetings of the Council. The Council may provide for the selection of such other officers or employees as it may deem desirable for the exercise of its powers.

Section 109. *Sessions*

The first three Tuesdays of each month and such additional days as the Council may determine are designated as days for the enactment of legislation, but in no event shall the Council sit for more than forty-five days in each year for the purpose of enacting legislation. The Council may sit in non-legislative sessions at such other times as it may determine. In such non-legislative sessions, the Council may adopt rules and regulations which implement or provide for the administration or execution of legislation under such procedures and provisions for notice and hearing as may be prescribed by law. No business shall be transacted, or any appointments made, or nominations confirmed, except in public session.

Section 110. *Exercise of Zoning, Planning and Other Powers*

In the exercise of powers authorized by any act of the General Assembly or the Constitution of Maryland, other than the law making power vested in it by Article XI-A of the Constitution and the grant of express powers in Article 25A, Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957, the Council shall follow the procedure set forth in such law or section of the Constitution and the exercise thereof shall be affected in the manner prescribed therein. The powers relating to zoning, planning or subdividing shall be exercised by the Council as prescribed by law and the exercise of such powers shall be exempt from veto by the County Executive.

Section 111. *Enactment of Legislation*

The Council shall enact legislation only after public hearing upon reasonable notice. No legislation shall be enacted by the Council unless it receives the affirmative vote of four members of the Council. Legislation declaring an emergency and containing a section declaring that it is necessary for the immediate protection of public health or safety, and enacted by the affirmative vote of at least five members of the Council, shall be emergency legislation. Any vote cast by a member on any legislation shall be recorded in the Journal of the Council.

Section 112. *Effective Date of Legislation*

All legislation, except emergency legislation, shall take effect seventy-five days following the date on which it shall become law unless a later effective date is prescribed in the legislation. Emergency legislation shall take effect on the date on which it shall become law.

Section 113. *Publication of Legislation*

All legislation shall be published as required by the Constitution and laws of Maryland. In addition, a summary of any legislation, except emergency legislation, enacted by the Council shall be published prior to the date on which it becomes effective, in such manner as the Council shall prescribe by law. A summary of emergency legislation shall be published promptly after enactment.

Section 114. *Referendum*

Any legislation enacted by the Council shall be submitted to a referendum of the voters upon petition of five percent of the qualified voters of the County except legislation (1) appropriating money or imposing