

tion, rules and regulations then having the force and effect of law, and this Charter. The Council shall, by legislation, legalize this code and cause it to be published in an indexed volume.

Section 505. *Right to Information*

Any person shall have the right to inspect any document, except confidential police records, personnel records, or records of a confidential private nature as defined by law. The Council may adopt reasonable regulations for such inspection. A certified copy of any such document shall be furnished upon payment of a reasonable fee established by such regulations. This section shall not apply to a document or other material obtained or prepared in anticipation of litigation or for use in legal proceedings to which the County is a party.

Section 506. *Separability*

If any article, section, or provision of this Charter shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance by the final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, all other articles, sections, or provisions of this Charter and their application to all other persons and circumstances shall be separable and shall not be affected by such decision.

Section 507. *Amendment*

This Charter may be amended in the manner provided in Section 5 of Article XI-A of the Constitution of Maryland.

Section 508. *Effective Date*

This amended Charter shall become effective from and after the thirtieth day after its adoption.

Schedule of Transitional Provisions

This schedule is part of the Charter and the provisions contained herein are of the same force and effect as those contained in the numbered Articles of this Charter, but differ only in that their effect is of limited duration and expire in accordance with their own terms. The grouping of sections in this schedule under the titles of the various Articles of the Charter is intended for convenience only and not as a limitation on the applicability of the sections.

General

Section 1. *Existing Officers and Employees*

The taking effect of this Charter, or any provision thereof, shall not of itself affect the tenure, term, status, or compensation of any appointed officer or employee of the County then holding office, except as provided in this Charter.

Legislative Branch

Section 2. *Delayed Effect of Certain Sections*

Sections 102 and 103 shall become effective on December 7, 1970, but candidates standing for election to the Council in 1970 shall be qualified as required by Sections 102 and 103.

Section 3. *Vacancies*

Until December 7, 1970, the Council President, or if that office is vacant the Council President pro tempore, shall exercise the appointment power of the County Executive prescribed in Section 106.