

cedures for the adoption of rules and regulations; for the manner of publication of summary of legislation prior to its effective date and for the publication of legislation in accordance with the Maryland Constitution; for the manner of exercise by the Council of the powers relating to zoning, planning, or subdividing; for the manner of appointment of the Secretary of the Council and other career employees of the Council and prescribing the duties of such Secretary and employees; for the manner of appointment of members of boards and commissions directly advisory to the County Council and for members of the County Personnel Board and other persons who under the Charter are to be appointed directly by the Council; for the manner of confirmation by the Council of appointments of the County Executive; and provisions for notice and the conduct of public hearings by the Council.

*Be It Enacted and Resolved by the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting in Legislative Session, that—*

*Section 1.* Chapter 1A, titled "County Council," is hereby enacted to the Montgomery County Code 1965, to follow immediately after Chapter 1, and there is hereby adopted as part of such Chapter by resolution, pursuant to Section 116, Charter of Montgomery County, Maryland, the Rules of Legislative Procedure (all prior Rules of Legislative Procedure being hereby repealed), to read as follows:

## Chapter 1A

### County Council

#### Section 1. *COUNCIL OFFICERS; SECRETARY AND EMPLOYEES; DUTIES; PUBLICATION AND RECORDS*

##### 1.1 *Election of Officers.*

The Council shall elect from among its members not later than December 31 in the year in which they take office, and at such other times as the Council in office shall determine, a President and a Vice-President. The President shall be the presiding officer, and in his absence the Vice-President shall preside and perform the duties of the President.

##### 1.2 *Order and Decorum.*

The President shall preserve order and decorum during the meetings and sessions of the Council. He shall have general supervision of the County Council offices, hearing and conference rooms, and other building spaces immediately adjacent thereto. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, he shall have the power to order any such place to be cleared.

##### 1.3 *Perogatives.*

The President may speak on points of order in preference to other members. He shall decide on all points of order and his decision shall be final unless upon an appeal therefrom it is reversed on a yea and nay vote by a majority of the members present. His title shall be called last whenever the roll is called. Upon a final vote on a bill, the author of the bill shall be called first on the roll, and the members in alphabetical order. The President shall vote on all questions except on an appeal from his decision on a point of order.