

journal of all legislative sessions of the Council. The copies of the minutes and journal shall be in printed or typewritten form and sufficient number of copies shall be reproduced to meet all reasonable public requests for copies in addition to a true copy being made available to any members of the public for reading at the office of the Secretary.

1.9 *Permanent Records.*

The Secretary shall maintain the permanent journal of legislation, which journal shall contain the proceedings of the Council in legislative session. The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of every law as finally passed and enrolled. The Secretary shall also maintain a permanent record of all minutes and proceedings of the Council, including a permanent file of resolutions and a permanent file of ordinances enacted by the Council. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining in a secure, fire-protected storage area all current and prior permanent records of the Board of County Commissioners, and of the County Council, together with true and exact copies of all rules and regulations adopted by the County Council or adopted by the County Executive, the Board of Health or any other body or person authorized to adopt laws, rules, regulations and orders of a permanent nature. Microfilm of records shall be maintained in a separate, locked fire proof place and a copy shall be filed under regulations of the State of Maryland Hall of Records Commission.

Section 2. *LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS; OTHER MEETINGS; NEWS MEDIA; PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; NOTICE; SIGN LIMITATION; WILLFUL DISTURBANCE.*

2.1 *Legislative Sessions and Meetings.*

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 shall meet at such times as it may determine for the conduct of other business and hearings. 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 prescribed herein or as otherwise prescribed by law. No business shall be transacted, or any appointments made, or nominations confirmed, except in public session.

2.2 *Time of Legislative Session.*

The time of convening of any legislative session shall be 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise previously determined by the Council.

2.3 *Quorum.*

A majority of the members in office shall constitute a quorum for a legislative session or other business.

2.4 *Location of Sessions and Meetings.*

All sessions and meetings will be held at the County Council Hearing Room, County Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, unless some other place has been designated.

2.5 *News Media Participation.*

Reasonable seating facilities shall be provided for representatives of news media at all sessions and public meetings, and such representatives are encouraged to attend. At the discretion of the President, or upon