

11.5. *Consideration of the Budget.*

Upon submission by the County Executive to the Council of the operating and capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and of the six-year programs, the Council not earlier than twenty-one days following submission through its Secretary shall give notice by publication in one newspaper of general circulation in the County and hold public hearings on the proposed budget and six-year programs. The procedure for consideration and approval of the budget and six-year programs shall be as determined by the members of the Council then in office, provided that the budget, with amendments, if any, shall be approved and the funds appropriated therefor not later than May 1 of the year in which it is submitted. The six-year programs shall be approved, with modification, if any, by the affirmative vote of at least four members at or about the date of budget approval.

11.6 *Executive Veto.*

a. *Veto of Legislation.*

Upon enactment of any legislation by the Council, the Secretary of the Council shall promptly prepare a copy of such bill in printed or type-written form as finally enacted, which copy shall be signed as enacted by the Council President or Acting President, and shall deliver such bill within three days to the County Executive, or in the absence of the County Executive, to the person performing the duties of the County Executive. The County Executive shall within ten days thereafter approve or disapprove such bill. If the County Executive disapproves such legislation, he shall forthwith return it to the Council by delivery to the Secretary with the reasons for his disapproval stated in writing. The Council then shall at the next legislative session, or at such other legislative session as it may designate, consider the legislation and the veto. The Council may, in accordance with these rules of legislative procedure, by the affirmative vote of five members, enact such legislation over the disapproval of the County Executive and upon such enactment, the bill shall become law.

b. *Budget Item Veto.*

Upon Council approval of the budget, the Secretary shall deliver a copy of the approved budget within three days to the County Executive, or in his absence, to the person performing the duties of the County Executive, who may within ten days thereafter disapprove or reduce any item contained in it. If the County Executive disapproves or reduces any item in the budget, he shall forthwith return it to the Council by delivery to the Secretary with the reasons for his disapproval or reduction stated in writing. The Council shall within thirty days from receipt of the County Executive's disapproval or reduction of any budget item meet to consider the action of the Executive, and may by the affirmative vote of four members, reapprove or restore any item disapproved or reduced by the Executive, which item then shall stand as approved. If the Council fails to act within thirty days, the budget shall stand approved incorporating the Executive changes.

c. *Supplemental Appropriations.*

The procedure for disapproval or reduction of a supplemental appropriation by the County Executive and reapproval by the County Council shall be the same procedure as for the budget item veto.