

2.7 Notice.

It shall be the responsibility of the Council Staff Director to notify members of the Council, and to make available to the general public through the news media, and furnish upon individual request of members of the public, information as to the time and purpose of all regularly scheduled and special meetings and sessions, as well as known items of agenda and matters pending before the Council.

SEC. 3. Subsection 16.1 of Section 16 of Chapter 1A of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows :

Section 16. APPOINTMENTS; CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

16.1 *Career Appointments; Council Staff Director; Secretary and Employees.*

The County Council shall establish in accordance with the Personnel Regulations, subject to the budget, appropriate grades for the Council Staff Director, the Secretary and other employees of the Council. Whenever there is a vacancy existing in the County Council Staff, the President of the Council, or such other persons or members as the County Council may direct, shall interview applicants qualified for such position and shall make recommendation to the full Council. Appointment of the Council Staff Director and the Secretary shall be by resolution on the affirmative vote of a majority of Council members in office, and the Council Staff Director and the Secretary shall be career positions under the Merit System, subject to removal by the Council in accordance with the Personnel Regulations. Other employees of the Council, except employees of the Hearing Examiner, shall be appointed by the Council Staff Director with the approval of the Council and shall be career merit system employees. Employees of the Hearing Examiner shall be appointed by the Administrative Hearing Examiner and shall be career merit system employees. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit or require the appointment of a Hearing Examiner by any person or body other than the County Council sitting as a District Council.

SEC. 4. *Severability.*

The provisions of this Act are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not