

4. **Review of Designation.** The County Executive shall review at least annually and, as necessary, revise all executive designations of "emergency interim successors" to insure that, at all times, the required number of persons are duly listed as available or designated as "emergency interim successors".

5. **Qualifications.** No person shall be designated or serve as an "emergency interim successor" unless he may under the Constitution and statutes of this State and the Charter or laws of this County, hold the office of the person to whose powers and duties he is designated to succeed. No provision of the Charter of Montgomery County or any local law prohibiting an officer or an employee of this County from holding another office shall be applicable to any "emergency interim successor." No person shall be designated as an "emergency interim successor" to the powers and duties of any appointed official of the executive branch of the County government unless such person is a regular employee or official of the same department, office or agency as the official to whose powers and duties he is designated to succeed, provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to "emergency interim successors" to the powers and duties of the Chief Administrative Officer.

6. **Status of "Emergency Interim Successor."** A person designated as an "emergency interim successor" holds that designation at the pleasure of the designator; provided, that he must be replaced if removed. He retains this designation as "emergency interim successor" until replaced by another appointee by the authorized designator.

(c) **Assumption of Powers and Duties by "Emergency Interim Successors."**

In the event that any incumbent named in subsections 2 and 3 of (b) of this Act and any duly authorized deputy is unavailable during a proclaimed state of public emergency, his "emergency interim successor" highest in rank in order of succession who is not unavailable shall, except for the power and duty to appoint "emergency interim successors," exercise the powers and discharge the duties of such incumbent. All "emergency interim successors" shall exercise these powers and discharge these duties only until such time as the lawful incumbent or any duly authorized deputy or "emergency interim successor" higher in rank in order of succession exercises or resumes the exercise of, the powers and discharge of the duties of the office, or until, where an actual vacancy exists, a successor is appointed to fill such vacancy or is elected and qualified as provided by law.

(d) The name, address and rank in order of succession of each duly authorized deputy shall be filed with the County Council and each designation, replacement, or change in order of succession of an "emergency interim successor" shall become effective when the desig-