

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

SECTION 201. EQUAL PROTECTION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION. NO PERSON SHALL BE DEPRIVED OF LIFE, LIBERTY, OR PROPERTY WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW, NOR BE DENIED THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS. NO PERSON SHALL BE DENIED THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS CIVIL OR POLITICAL RIGHTS OR BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN THE EXERCISE THEREOF BECAUSE OF RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEX.

SECTION 202. RIGHTS OF WITNESSES AND OTHER PERSONS. ANY WITNESS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL. ANY PERSON WHOSE CHARACTER SHALL HAVE BEEN IMPUGNED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, OR BY ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES, OR BY ANY WITNESSES BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES, SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR WITH OR WITHOUT COUNSEL, TO PRESENT EVIDENCE, TO CROSS-EXAMINE ANY PERSON WHO MAY HAVE IMPUGNED HIS CHARACTER, AND TO CALL WITNESSES OF HIS OWN, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL, UPON APPLICATION BEING MADE, EXERCISE ITS SUBPOENA POWER TO COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF SUCH PERSONS AND WITNESSES.

SECTION 203. RIGHT TO INFORMATION. ANY PERSON SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT ANY DOCUMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY AGENCY RECEIVING OR DISBURSING COUNTY FUNDS. A CERTIFIED COPY OF ANY SUCH DOCUMENT SHALL BE FURNISHED UPON PAYMENT OF A REASONABLE FEE PRESCRIBED BY LAW. THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: (1) BUDGET ESTIMATES PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; (2) DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE LAND PURCHASES AND PROSPECTIVE RIGHTS OF WAY; (3) POLICE INVESTIGATION RECORDS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE MADE PUBLIC BY LAW; (4) PERSONNEL AND LEAVE RECORDS; (5) DOCUMENTS PREPARED IN ANTICIPATION OF CIVIL LITIGATION EXCEPT AS GOVERNED BY THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE; (6) RECORDS OF A CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE NATURE, AS DEFINED BY STATE LAW; AND (7) COMPETITIVE BIDS PRIOR TO THE OPENING THEREOF.

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