

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FULL COUNCIL SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR A QUORUM. THE COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE KEEPING AND ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF A JOURNAL WHICH SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AT ALL REASONABLE TIMES. ALL VOTING, EXCEPT ON PROCEDURAL MOTIONS, SHALL BE BY ROLL CALL, AND THE AYES AND NAYS SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE JOURNAL. NO BUSINESS SHALL BE TRANSACTED, OR ANY APPOINTMENTS MADE, OR NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED, EXCEPT IN PUBLIC SESSION. THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT AND PUBLISH RULES OF PROCEDURE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER.

SECTION 317. ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION. EVERY LAW OF THE COUNTY SHALL BE STYLED: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND." THE COUNCIL SHALL ENACT NO LAW EXCEPT BY BILL. THE SUBJECT OF EVERY LAW SHALL BE DESCRIBED IN ITS TITLE. EVERY LAW ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL, EXCEPT THE BUDGET LAW AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION LAWS, SHALL EMBRACE BUT ONE SUBJECT. NO LAW OR SECTION OF LAW SHALL BE REVIVED OR AMENDED BY REFERENCE TO ITS TITLE ONLY. A BILL MAY BE INTRODUCED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ANY LEGISLATIVE SESSION-DAY OF THE COUNCIL. ON THE INTRODUCTION OF ANY BILL, A COPY THEREOF AND NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING ON THE BILL SHALL BE POSTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS ON AN OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD TO BE SET UP BY THE COUNCIL IN A PUBLIC PLACE. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BILL SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE PRESS. EVERY COPY OF EACH BILL SHALL BEAR THE NAME OF THE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL INTRODUCING IT AND THE DATE IT WAS INTRODUCED. WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SCHEDULE AND GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BILL, WHICH HEARING SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER ITS INTRODUCTION. THE COUNCIL MAY REJECT ANY BILL ON ITS INTRODUCTION WITHOUT A HEARING BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FULL COUNCIL. SUCH PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1008 OF THIS CHARTER. THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY, BUT NEED NOT BE, HELD ON A LEGISLATIVE SESSION-DAY AND MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME. AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, A BILL MAY BE FINALLY ENACTED ON A LEGISLATIVE SESSION-DAY WITH OR WITHOUT AMENDMENT, EXCEPT, THAT IF A BILL IS AMENDED BEFORE ENACTMENT AND THE AMENDMENT CONSTITUTES A CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE, THE BILL SHALL NOT BE ENACTED UNTIL IT IS REPRINTED OR