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(a) Budgets

None of the provisions of any public general law governing the preparation and filing of budgets by agencies of the State of Maryland shall be applicable to the budgetary procedure of the Commission. Except as hereinafter provided, the budget programs and procedures heretofore followed by the Commission are ratified and confirmed and approved for use by the Commission hereafter, together with such improvements therein as, in the discretion of the Commission, shall be deemed necessary or appropriate in the public interest.

(1) Annual Budget

For each fiscal year, beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the subsequent year, the Commission shall prepare an annual capital and operating budget which shall contain, separately for each County where items are so allocable for which a tax is levied, the proposed expenditures and estimates of revenue anticipated. The proposed budget shall be established as hereinafter set forth. The Commission's budget shall include for each County within the Regional District a complete planning work program including a schedule for the production of all plans and amendments, hereinafter called the Planning Schedule of the Commission. The budget shall contain items allocable to both Counties including provisions for the operation of the Departments of the Commission established pursuant to law and the Regional Planning Program. The budget shall also contain a schedule of recreation activities and programs for Prince George's County in accordance with Section 43A(G) of Chapter 780, Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended.

(2) Submission of Budget

The Commission shall submit the proposed budget on or before January 1, 1973 and on or before January 1 of each succeeding year thereafter to the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

(3) The Role of the County Executive

In Montgomery County the County Executive shall transmit the proposed budget to the County Council, together with his recommendations thereon, on or before February 15, 1973 and on or before February 15 of each succeeding fiscal year. In Prince George's County, the County Executive shall transmit the proposed budget to the County Council, together with his recommendations thereon, on or before April 1, 1973 and on or before April 1 of each succeeding fiscal year.

(4) The Role of the County Councils

Each County Council shall, upon public notice, hold a public hearing on the proposed budget of the Commission commencing not earlier than twenty-one days following receipt thereof from the County Executive. Thereafter, on or before May 1, 1973 and on or before May 1 of each succeeding year, in Montgomery County, and on or before May 10, 1973 and on or before May 10 of each succeeding fiscal year in Prince George's County each County Council shall approve that portion of the budget allocated to its County, which may be altered as hereinafter provided, and shall establish tax levies in such amounts as each County Council shall determine to be necessary to finance that portion of the budget allocated to its County, subject to the requirements and limitations of Sections 70-62, 70-63, 70-64, 70-66, 70-72 and 70-101 of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, and Sections 59-56, 59-57, 59-58, 59-60, 59-66 and 59-95 of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, as amended). Each County