

Council may add to, delete from, increase or decrease, any part of the portion of the budget allocated solely to its County. Budget items allocable to both Counties shall be concurred in by both County Councils. With respect to such budget items, the County Councils are authorized to concur in additions to, deletions from, increases to, or decreases from, such items. Failure of the Councils to concur in any such item by [the May] JUNE 15, shall constitute approval of the item as submitted by the Commission.

(5) Budget Veto

Each County Council, upon approval of the budget, shall deliver it within three calendar days to the respective County Executive who, within ten days thereafter, may disapprove or reduce any item contained in it. If the County Executive disapproves, reduces or modifies any item in the budget, he shall return it to the respective County Council with the reasons for his disapproval or reduction stated in writing. Budget item refers to items within the funds described herein or the planning work program. The Montgomery County Council may, by affirmative vote of four of its members, and the Prince George's County Council may, by affirmative vote of six of its members, reapprove or restore any item over the disapproval of the respective County Executive within ten calendar days.

(6) Budget Amendments

Following the adoption of the budgets by the respective County Councils, such budgets may be amended by resolution by the respective County Councils on their initiative or at the request of the Commission after receipt of recommendations from the respective County Executives, and after public hearing upon reasonable notice to the public. With respect to budget items applicable to both Counties, no amendment shall be effective unless it has received the concurrence of both County Councils.

(7) Limitations of Expenditures

No expenditure of funds shall be made or authorized by the Commission in excess of the available unencumbered approved budget amounts plus ten percent thereof for each park and recreation project and for each administrative or operating department or function of the Commission, and for each planning project contained in the planning work program for each County, unless approved by either or both County Councils, as the case may require, after receipt of recommendations from either or both County Executives, as the case may require.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 26, 1973.

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