

## Article 20 - Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland

2-402.

(A) (1) The Council shall appoint a director who is qualified by training and experience and serves at the pleasure of the Council.

(2) The director is the chief administrative and planning officer and regular technical advisor of the Council and shall appoint and remove the staff of the Council.

(3) The director may make agreements with local planning agencies, within the jurisdiction of the Council of public officials, for temporary transfer or joint use of staff employees and may contract for professional or consultant services from other governmental and private agencies.

(B) (1) WHEN A GENERAL PAY INCREASE IS GIVEN TO STATE EMPLOYEES, AN INCREASE IN PAY SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL.

(2) THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF PAY INCREASE GIVEN TO THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE EQUAL TO THAT GIVEN TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES.

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(a) The Council may receive State financial support to assist in carrying out its activities.

(1) On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit to the Department of Economic and Community Development its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year, together with supporting schedules to show that the budget is financed, and to provide for review and recommendations. It is then forwarded to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning for consideration.

(2) Provision shall be made in the State budget for the ensuing fiscal year for an appropriation to partially support the Council. However, the State's contribution is subject to annual review by the General Assembly.

(b) The Council and its activities may be financed cooperatively by the State of Maryland and Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and may avail itself of additional funds from any other public or private source.

(1) The commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties annually shall appropriate the following sums for the use of the Council: