

1-103.

(A) THE COUNCIL IS A TAX-EXEMPT PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITICAL WHICH OPERATES AS A COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITHIN THE AREA TO FOSTER THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA AND UTILIZES EFFECTIVELY THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE STATE. IT INITIATES AND COORDINATES PLANS AND PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF THE WESTERN MARYLAND REGION AS A WESTERN MARYLAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

(B) (1) UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF THE LIABILITIES OF THE COUNCIL, SHALL DISPOSE OF ALL OF THE ASSETS OF THE COUNCIL EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL IN SUCH MANNER, OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, OR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES AS AT THE TIME SHALL QUALIFY AS AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW), AS THE COUNCIL DETERMINES.

(2) ANY SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL IS LOCATED, EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS, AS THE COURT DETERMINES, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

1-104.

THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) COOPERATE WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES;
AND

(2) SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL PLANS AND PROJECTS OF THE COUNCIL IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES HAVE STATUTORY FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

1-105.

(A) THE COUNCIL SHALL SELECT AND RETAIN ITS OWN LEGAL ~~COUNCIL~~ COUNSEL.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND SHALL SERVE AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE COUNCIL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES.

1-106.

THE COUNCIL IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT AND MAY NOT BE PLACED BY THE GOVERNOR IN ANY PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.