



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 10/3/2023

**Effective Date:** 10/3/2023

**Reference No.:** CR-078-2023

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Dernoga

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga, Olson, Burroughs, Blegay and Oriadha

**Item Title:** A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE for the purpose of amending Rules of Procedure for the County Council.

**Drafter:** Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:**

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/12/2023	County Council	introduced and referred	COW
	<p><b>Action Text:</b> This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Olson, Burroughs, Blegay and Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.</p>		
09/12/2023	COW	motion failed	
	<p><b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended. The motion failed by the following vote:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Aye: 5 Olson, Oriadha, Burroughs, Dernoga and Blegay</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Nay: 5 Watson, Harrison, Hawkins, Franklin and Fisher</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Absent: 1 Ivey</p>		
09/26/2023	COW	Favorably recommended	County Council
	<p><b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Blegay, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Aye: 8 Olson, Hawkins, Franklin, Oriadha, Ivey, Burroughs, Dernoga and Blegay</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Abstain: 3 Watson, Harrison and Fisher</p>		

10/03/2023 County Council adopted

**Action Text:**

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Vice Chair Blegay, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Hawkins, Blegay, Dernoga, Olson, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

Abstain: 3 Harrison, Watson and Fisher

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**AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

A review of Council Rules of Procedure to allow for virtual attendance and voting in limited circumstances in the Post-Covid era. During COVID, the Council allowed for virtual meetings, attendance, and voting. Those allowances were only during the term of an Emergency. Now that the State of Emergency as it relates to COVID has been withdrawn, all virtual accommodations have been withdrawn as well. This resolution will allow for virtual attendance and voting, without the need of a Declaration of Emergency, in limited situations with advanced notice from the Councilmember to the Chair or Committee Chair and the Clerk.

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**Document(s):** R2023078, CR-078-2023 Committee Report