

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND****2006 Legislative Session**Bill No. CB-72-2006Chapter No. 52Proposed and Presented by Council Member DernogaIntroduced by Council Members Dernoga, Hendershot, Campos and Dean

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction July 18, 2006**CHARTER AMENDMENT**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Section 809, Charter of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 809 of the Charter of Prince George's  
4 County to provide that the Council may adjust the statement of estimated revenue in the  
5 proposed operating budget by a certain percentage.

6 BY proposing an amendment to:

7 Section 809,

8 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
10 Maryland, that the following amendment to Section 809, Charter of Prince George's County,  
11 Maryland, is hereby proposed:

**Section 809. Public Budget Hearings and Action on the Budget by the Council.**

12 Upon receipt of the proposed County budget, the Clerk of the Council shall cause to be  
13 published a notice of the place and time of at least two public hearings on the budget by the  
14 Council. Such public notice shall be published in the County newspapers of record. The  
15 Council may hold such other preliminary hearings on the budget for the purpose of obtaining  
16 information as it may determine, but no action shall be taken by the Council on the budget except  
17 in public session. After the final public budget hearing, the Council may not add new items but  
18 may increase, decrease, or delete any items in the budget except those required by the laws of  
19 this state or of this County, and except any provisions for debt service on obligations then  
20 outstanding or for estimated cash deficits. The Council shall have no power to change the form  
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1 of the budget as submitted by the Executive or to alter the revenue estimates except to correct  
 2 mathematical errors, or, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council,  
 3 adjust the revenue estimates by an increase or decrease of no more than one percent (1%). The  
 4 adoption of the operating budget, the capital budget and the capital program shall be by the  
 5 affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the full Council by a law to be known as the  
 6 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County. The Annual Budget  
 7 and Appropriation Ordinance shall be adopted by the Council on or before June 1 of each fiscal  
 8 year, and if the Council fails to do so, the proposed operating budget submitted by the County  
 9 Executive shall stand adopted, and funds for the expenditures proposed in the current expense  
 10 budget shall stand appropriated as fully and to the same extent as if favorable action thereon had  
 11 been taken by the Council.

12 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the  
 13 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors  
 14 of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2006  
 15 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

16 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed  
 17 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election  
 18 occurring on November 7, 2006, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

19 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

20 To provide that the revenue estimates in the proposed operating budget  
 21 may be increased or decreased by the Council by no more than one  
 22 percent.  
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1        Adopted this 10th day of August, 2006, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members  
2 of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

CB-72-2006 WAS APPROVED AT REFERENDUM ON 11/7/2006  
EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/8/2006