

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-078-2023

Proposed by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Burroughs, Blegay and Oriadha

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 12, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 County Council Rules of Procedure

3 For the purpose of amending Rules of Procedure for the County Council.

4 WHEREAS, Section 316 of the Prince George’s County Charter provides for the County
5 Council to adopt and publish rules; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Council Rules of Procedure, as adopted by CR-1-1995 and
7 amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008, CR-91-2016, CR-59-2017, CR-44-2018, and
8 CR-58-2020 are maintained by the Clerk of the Council; and

9 WHEREAS, amendments to the Rules of Procedure have been proposed to provide for
10 restructuring the council member voting requirements in a post COVID-19 pandemic era to
11 allow for member participation by way of in-person meetings, virtual attendance, or proxy.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
13 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council Rules of Procedure be and the same
14 are hereby amended.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Council Rules of Procedure, as adopted
16 by CR-1-1995 and amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008, CR-91-2016, CR-59-2017,
17 CR-44-2018, and CR-58-2020 are hereby repealed and readopted with the following
18 amendments:

RULES OF PROCEDURE

FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

21 (As Adopted By CR-1-1995 and Amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008,
22 CR-91-2016, CR-59-2017, CR-44-2018 and CR-58-2020)

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3. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS.

3.1. Attendance.

(a) By the adoption of these rules, the Members of the Council commit to be present, in-person, for the convening of all regularly scheduled legislative and business sessions, including public hearings, at the times designated on the agenda and to attend all meetings or work sessions of Council committees to which they have been appointed. When a Council Member is unable to be present, in-person, at any such meeting due to extraordinary circumstances, such as illness, parental leave, caregiving responsibilities, or a significant or unexpected factor or event outside the control of the Council Member, written notification shall be submitted to the Chair of the Council or Committee and the Clerk of the Council within 24-hours of the time designated on the agenda for any such meeting. The written notification shall indicate whether the Council Member intends to be present remotely at any such meeting, and if so, the appropriate accommodation shall be provided to allow the Council Member to be present remotely. The Chair of the Council or Committee shall announce the absence of any Council Member or any Council Member attending a meeting remotely. The Clerk of the Council shall record the attendance of Council Members in the minutes for each meeting as in-person, remote, or absent. When appropriate, the minutes shall note the subsequent arrival time of a Council Member previously marked absent. The minutes shall also reflect the recusal of any Council Member in any matter under consideration.

(b) The Council shall designate times for the convening of regular legislative and business sessions. Consistent with the times so designated, the Council Administrator, with the concurrence of the Council Chair, shall establish the times for public hearings. [The Clerk shall enter the record of attendance in the minutes for each legislative or business session. The minutes shall also note the subsequent arrival time of a Member previously marked absent. The minutes shall contain an explanation of a member's absence as provided by the Member. The minutes shall reflect that a Member has recused himself or herself concerning a particular matter under consideration by the Council.]

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8. VOTING.

(a) All questions shall be determined by a majority vote of the Members present, either

1 physically in-person or visible on camera remotely, except as required for:

- 2 (1) The final action on a bill or resolution;
- 3 (2) The suspension of rules;
- 4 (3) The amendment of a bill or resolution after introduction;
- 5 (4) The approval of a letter requiring the Council Chair's signature on behalf of the
- 6 Council;
- 7 (5) Any other circumstance specially provided for in these Rules, the Charter for Prince
- 8 George's County, Maryland, the County Code, or the Constitution and Laws of the
- 9 State of Maryland; or
- 10 (6) Special voting requirements for confirmation of administrative appointments
- 11 pursuant to Section 322 of the Charter.

12 (b) Members must be [physically] present, in-person or remotely, to make a motion or cast
13 a vote.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments to the Rules of Procedure adopted by
16 this Resolution shall be effective on _____.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna Brown
Clerk of the Council