

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/20/2002

Reference No.: CB-68-2002

Proposer: Shapiro

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Shapiro, Wilson, Scott, Bailey

Item Title: A Charter Amendment to revise the duties of the County Auditor and Purchasing Agent; to amend procedures relating to competitive bidding; to remove specific references regarding the Offices of Budget and Finance; to amend County budget procedures and to renumber and make conforming amendments to retained sections

Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher
Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Barbara L. Holtz, Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer for
Governmental Operations/
Environmental Services

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: __/__/__

Effective Date: 12/6/2002

Committee Action: __/__/__

Date Introduced: 7/9/2002

Public Hearing: 7/30/2002 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 7/30/2002 ENACTED

Council Votes: PS:A, DB:A, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: Approved at referendum on 11/5/2002

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed amendments to the County Charter will delete the requirement for periodic performance audits of County agencies by the County Auditor, delete the requirement for a system of property inventory and stores control by the Purchasing Agent, delete the requirement that purchases and contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, delete the requirement for an Office of Finance and an Office of Budget, permit the fiscal year of the Count to be

established by law, increase the contingency reserve account from 3% to 5%, increase the

maximum term for bonds from 30 years to 40 years, amend and delete certain procedures relating to the formation and adoption of the County budget, and renumber and make other conforming amendments.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: