

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2018 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-44-2018
Proposed by Council Members Glaros and Turner
Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Franklin and Taveras
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction July 2, 2018

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, and CR-59-2017 are maintained
8 by the Clerk of the Council; and

9 WHEREAS, amendments to the Rules of Procedure have been proposed to provide for a
10 restructured committee system, revising the number required for a quorum of the Committee of
11 the Whole, and revising the number of members required to override an Executive veto as the
12 Council Members increase from nine to eleven due to the addition of two At-Large Council
13 Members after the 2018 Gubernatorial General Election.

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Council Rules of Procedure, as adopted
18 by CR-1-1995 and amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008, CR-91-2016, and CR-59-
19 2017 are hereby repealed and readopted with the following amendments:

RULES OF PROCEDURE

FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

(As Adopted By CR-1-1995 and Amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008,

CR-91-2016 and CR-59-2017)

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2. COUNCIL ORGANIZATION.

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2.2. Committees.

(a) All Council committees, committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be appointed by the Chair upon the advice and consent of a majority of the full Council.

(b) The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Chair at the beginning of the Chair's term of office:

(1) [Transportation, Housing and the Environment] Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment

(2) [Public Safety and Fiscal Management] Government Operations and Fiscal Policy

(3) [Planning, Zoning and Economic Development] Planning, Housing and Economic Development

(4) [Health, Education and Human Services] Health, Human Services and Public Safety

(5) [Rules and General Assembly] Education and Workforce Development

(6) General Assembly

Each committee shall have five (5) members.

(c) The committee Chair shall cause to be distributed to all Council members an agenda of items to be considered at each meeting at least three days prior to the meeting. The agenda shall identify legislative items by bill or resolution number, followed by the last name of the sponsors and a short title.

(d) A quorum of three (3) committee members shall be required to act. All Council Members of the committee present shall be entitled to vote and all questions shall be decided by majority vote of those committee members present.

(e) Committee of the Whole. At the direction of the Chair, the Council shall sit as a Committee of the Whole. A quorum of [five (5)] six (6) members shall be required to act and all questions shall be decided by majority vote of those committee members present. When the Council convenes as the Committee of the Whole, the Administrator shall assign appropriate staff to record the action of the Committee of the Whole, and prepare any reports or amendments to be reported by the committee to the Council. So far as applicable, the Rules shall be observed

1 when the Council is sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

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3 **15. BILLS SENT TO EXECUTIVE.**

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5 **15.2. Vetoes.**

6 When a bill has been vetoed by the Executive and returned to the Clerk of the Council, the
7 Executive's message containing the objections to the bill shall be entered upon the journal. Not
8 later than at its next legislative session, the Council shall reconsider the bill. The Chair shall put
9 the question, "Shall the earlier action of the Council be affirmed notwithstanding the objections
10 of the Executive?" The question is debatable. [The votes of six (6) Members] An affirmative
11 vote of two-thirds of the members of the full Council shall be necessary to pass the bill over the
12 Executive's veto. The vote of the Council shall be determined by roll call and entered upon the
13 journal.

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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 December 3, 2018.

Adopted this 24th day of July , 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dannielle M. Glaros
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council