

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**2001 Legislative Session****REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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WHEREAS, there is a need to provide governmental services in the most efficient and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation referenced in the Schedule of Legislation has never been operational; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the Cable Television Commission, now within the Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs is more appropriately combined with the technology focus of the Office of Information Technology and Communications; and

WHEREAS, the business licensing and enforcement functions now within the Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs are more appropriately administered within the Department of Environmental Resources; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an agency of County government to focus on the concerns of County citizens and the response of government to those concerns; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to rename the Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs to be the Office of Community Relations with its primary functions to be response to citizen complaints and inquiries and the County's relationship with community based organizations and programs; and

WHEREAS, the changes in the organization of the executive branch proposed hereby will result in more efficient and cost effective delivery of County services; and

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter provides that the County Executive may propose changes in the organization of the executive branch, including the establishment or abolition of agencies, and in the assignment of functions, powers, and duties among agencies, which proposals shall be set forth in executive orders in statutory form and be submitted to the County Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Legislation of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

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Section 7. [Department of Recreation] Reserved.

[There shall be a Department of Recreation headed by the Director of Recreation. The Director of Recreation shall administer recreational programs and, when permitted by law, parks and park-related facilities. The Recreation Advisory Committee is hereby continued as the Recreation Advisory Board.]

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Section 9. Office of Information Technology and Communications.

There shall be an Office of Information Technology and Communications headed by the Director of Information Technology and Communications. The Director shall be responsible for information management and technology within the County government and for maintaining an effective and efficient information and communications system. The Director shall also be responsible for the administration of the Cable Television Commission of the County.

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Section 11. Department of Environmental Resources.

There shall be a Department of Environmental Resources headed by a Director of Environmental Resources. The Director of Environmental Resources shall be responsible for the overall administration and coordination of the County's environmental policies and programs including, but not limited to, solid waste and recycling management, water and sewer planning, and water quality and flood management planning. The Director shall study and report on master plans, capital improvement programs, and any planning and zoning matters which may be referred to the Executive branch. The Director shall be responsible for the administration of County laws relating to business licensing and the processing of complaints against such businesses. The Director shall also be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the County's permitting functions as assigned by law. These functions shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Housing regulations and inspections;
- (2) Construction standards, including plans review and inspections, and enforcement of building and fire codes related to building permits;
- (3) Zoning enforcement;
- (4) Property standards;
- (5) Stormwater facility standards; and
- (6) Animal control.

Additional responsibilities relating to permit granting and inspectional authority may be assigned by law.

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Section 16. Office of [Business and Regulatory Affairs] Community Relations.

There shall be an office of [Business and Regulatory Affairs] Community Relations headed by the Director of [Business and Regulatory Affairs] Community Relations. The Director shall be responsible for [the administration of County laws relating to business licensing and the processing of complaints against such businesses. The Director shall also be responsible for the administration of the Cable Television Commission of the County.] responding to citizen complaints and inquiries concerning County services and programs; coordinating County relations with community based organizations; and developing community based programming.

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SECTION 2. This Order shall be submitted to the County Council pursuant to Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter and, thereafter, shall become effective July 1, 2001, unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council within sixty (60) days after such submission.

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County Executive