

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No. 22-22

Introduced by Mr. Pruski and Ms. Lacey

By the County Council, June 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 Charter Amendment – The Legislative Branch – Legislative Procedure – Emergency  
2 Ordinances  
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4 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to  
5 clarify the differences between the two types of emergency ordinances allowed under the  
6 Charter and the legislative procedure that applies to each  
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8 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*  
9 *following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to*  
10 *the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2022:*  
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12 **Article III. The Legislative Branch**  
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14 **Sec. 307. Legislative Procedure.**  
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16 (i) **Effective Date of Ordinances.** Except as provided in Section 710 of this Charter  
17 for the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and ordinances levying taxes or  
18 assessments to support the budget, and except for any ordinance related to transfers of  
19 appropriations under Charter Section 711, supplementary appropriations under Charter  
20 Section 712, and amendments of the capital budget under Charter Section 716, any  
21 ordinance enacted by the County Council shall take effect forty-five days after it becomes  
22 law, unless declared to be effective on a later date. Ordinances related to transfers of  
23 appropriations under Charter Section 711, supplementary appropriations under Charter  
24 Section 712, and amendments of the capital budget under Charter Section 716 shall take  
25 effect from the date they become law. If an ordinance is an emergency ordinance as defined  
26 in Section 208(d) IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES LAW. ~~[[or if]]~~ THE  
27 COUNTY COUNCIL MAY DECLARE an ordinance passed at an annual legislative session or  
28 a monthly legislative session-day ~~[[be declared by the County Council]]~~ to be an  
29 emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
30 safety and welfare, AND it shall take effect from the date it becomes law. An emergency  
31 ordinance UNDER SUBSECTION 208(E) OR THIS SUBSECTION ~~[[shall]]~~ MAY not levy taxes,  
32 create revenue, or grant a franchise or special privilege, or abolish or create any office or  
33 change any salary, term or duty of any officer or create any vested right or interest or create  
34 or expand any Capital Project, or increase the funding thereof (except in cases where the  
35 increase in funding is required solely to meet cost escalation and does not affect the scope  
36 of the project as originally budgeted).

1        *And be it further resolved*, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the  
2 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2022 for their adoption  
3 or rejection:

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5        “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to clarify the differences between the  
6 two types of emergency ordinances allowed under the Charter and the legislative procedure  
7 that applies to each.”

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9        *And be it further resolved*, That this question shall be designated as Question “\_\_” on  
10 the ballot at the General Election in November 2022.

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12        *And be it further resolved*, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election  
13 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30<sup>th</sup>  
14 day following the election.

READ AND PASSED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 22-22 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Lisa D. B. Rodvien  
Chair