



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

Date: August 30, 2019

Subject: Resolution No. 37-19

Resolution No. 37-19 proposes that the Charter be amended to provide that:

(1) the County Executive appoints and removes the Chief Administrative Officer, the Public Information Officer, the Legislative Liaison Officer, the Economic Development Officer, the Planning and Zoning Officer, the Administrative Hearing Officer, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Inspections and Permits, the Director of Recreation and Parks, and the Director of Aging;

(2) the County Executive appoints, subject to confirmation by Resolution of the County Council, the County Attorney, the Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief; and

(3) the County Attorney serves at the pleasure of the County Executive and may be removed by the County Executive unless the County Council, by resolution on the affirmative vote of not less than five members, votes to prevent the removal of a County Attorney appointed by the County Executive.

Under paragraph (3), the County Council does not have the authority to prevent the removal of a “holdover” County Attorney, meaning one appointed by a previous County Executive.

All remaining proposed amendments are conforming changes only.