

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 10

Resolution No. 20-24

Introduced by Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, May 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED
Charter Amendment – Open Meetings Act

1 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to
2 require that all meetings and legislative sessions of the County Council comply with the
3 Maryland Open Meetings Act
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5 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*
6 *following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to*
7 *the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2024:*
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9 **Article III. The Legislative Branch**

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11 **Sec. 307. Legislative Procedure.**

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13 (a) **Public Meetings.** All meetings and legislative sessions of the County Council shall
14 **[[be open to the public]]** COMPLY WITH THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS ACT.
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18 *And be it further resolved, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the*
19 *qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2024 for their adoption*
20 *or rejection:*
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22 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that all meetings and
23 legislative sessions of the County Council comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.”
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25 *And be it further resolved, That this question shall be designated as Question “__” on*
26 *the ballot at the General Election in November 2024.*
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28 *And be it further resolved, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election*
29 *are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30th*
30 *day following the election.*

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this resolution are catchwords and are not law.
Asterisks *** indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.

READ AND PASSED this 3rd day of June, 2024.

By Order:

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Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 20-24 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

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Allison Pickard
Chair