

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES
Guide to the Laws and Ordinances of the
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
1978-1992

Record Group 2: County Council

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The first Montgomery County Council took office on January 18, 1949, after passage of a Charter which replaced the county commissioner form of government. This first Council was composed of seven members, one from each of the five Council Districts and the other two from the County at large. The County Council served as both the chief executive authority and as the legislative branch. It was required to sit in executive session at least once in each calendar month, and met in both open and closed executive sessions at least once every week.

However, the County Council-County Manager system was seen to be inadequate for the rapidly growing population of the County who were demanding more services and accountability from the local government, and a revised charter was prepared and approved in 1968. This charter provided for the election of a County Executive in 1970 who would be responsible for administration of all Montgomery County government departments. Day-to-day operations would be supervised by a Chief Administrative Officer appointed by the County Executive. The Council would continue to make laws, set tax rates, approve budgets, and deal with planning, zoning and land subdivision problems.

Today, the County Council consists of nine members, five elected by district and four County-wide. The Council continues to enact all local laws, oversee zoning and planning, appropriate funding for the budgets of County agencies, set property tax rates, and also meets as the County Board of Health and as the District Council for the Montgomery County portion within the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning District. The Council holds regular weekly sessions and conducts public hearings and work sessions throughout the year.

EXTENT

0.5 cubic feet: 2 letter-sized Hollinger boxes.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

These records consist only of the final resolutions approved and adopted by the County Council. Some of the files also contain a handwritten index.

The records are arranged in three series:

Series I: Laws and Ordinances

Subseries 1: Resolutions

Subseries 2: Resolutions: Appropriations: 1980, 1981, 1983

Series II: Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments

Series III: Appointments

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Laws and Ordinances, 1978, 1983-1984 (2 folders)

(0.33 cubic feet)

This series contains copies of the amendments to various Chapters of the Laws of Montgomery

County approved by the County Council in 1978 and 1983-1984. The folders are arranged in chronological order, while each file is in its original order. The 1978 resolutions are indexed.

Subseries 1: Resolutions, 1983- 1994

(2 folders)

Resolutions regarding the Master Plans of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in 1988, 1990-91, 1993, 1994; and the Montgomery County Cable Communications Franchise Selection and Agreement, 1983.

Subseries 2: Resolutions: Appropriations: 1980, 1981, 1983

Appropriations resolutions for various departments and agencies of Montgomery County government regarding approval budgets and expenditures.

Series II: Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments, 1979-1982 and 1986-1992
(0.33 cubic feet)

These amendments were voted upon by the County Council sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District within Montgomery County. The Council received recommendations from the Montgomery County Planning Board, held public hearings, and referred the matter as necessary to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee for review and recommendations. This series contains only approved amendments, which are in their original order, with a handwritten index in front of each folder.

The files are arranged in chronological order.

Series III: Appointments, 1979-1986

(0.17 cubic feet)

This series consists of Council resolutions appointing members to various boards and commissions. They are arranged in order by resolution number.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

This collection is open for research.

LANGUAGE

English.

PROVENANCE

These records were transferred from Rockville Library in 1997.

USING THESE RECORDS

To request records listed in this finding aid, the following information should be given to the archivist:

Record Group 02, **Laws and Ordinances of the Montgomery County Council**, Series Number and Name, Box Number and Folder Title(s).

The preferred citation for materials from these records is:

Montgomery County Archives; Gaithersburg, Maryland. Record Group 02: County Council.
Record Title: Laws and Ordinances of the Montgomery County Council. Series number and series name. Subseries number and subseries name, if applicable. Box number and folder title, if appropriate.

PROCESSING PROCEDURES

General processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals. If records contained oversized documents and photographs, they were removed from the original location in their assigned series and placed in separate containers. Separation sheets would then be inserted in the original location within the folder to indicate the new location of any records placed elsewhere.

Preservation copying of newspaper clippings was performed whenever feasible. Records in folders were arranged, unless otherwise indicated, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder.

FINDING AID AUTHOR

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BOX INVENTORY

Series I: Laws and Ordinances

Box 1

Laws of 1979 Chapters 1-30, 1978

Laws of 1984 Chapters 21 and 2

Subseries 1: Resolutions

Maryland-Washington Regional District, Master Plans, 1988, 1990-91, 1993, 1994

Montgomery County Cable Communications Franchise Selection and Agreement, 1983

Subseries 2: Resolutions: Appropriations: 1980, 1981, 1983

Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, CIP and Budget approval, 1980, 1981, 1983

Montgomery College, CIP, 1980, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County Board of Education, Capital and Operation Budget approval, 1980, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County government, CIP, 1980

Montgomery County government, CIP, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County government, Operating and Capital Budgets, 1980, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County government adjustments to eliminated unexpected appropriations, FY 1973-1978, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, CIP, 1980, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County Public Schools, CIP/Budget, 1980, 1981, 1983

Montgomery County Revenue Authority, CIP, 1980, 1981, 1983

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Capital and Operating Budget, 1980

Washington Suburban Transit Commission Capital and Operating Budgets, 1980, 1981, 1983

Series II: Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments

Zoning Text amendments, 1979-1982

(Series II: Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments, cont.)

Box 2

January-October 1986

December 1986-December 1988

January 1989-September 1990

October 1990-February 1992

Series III: Appointments

1979-1982

1983-1984

1985-1986, n.d.