Expedited Bill No. 58-14
Concerning: Administration – Non-merit Positions – Development Ombudsman
Revised: 2/24/2015 Draft No. 2
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Ch. 7, Laws of Mont. Co. 2015

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) create a non-merit position of Development Ombudsman in the Office of the County Executive; and
(2) generally amend the laws governing non-merit positions in the Executive Branch.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-26
Section 2-27A

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets]	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets]]	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 2-26 is amended as follows:

2-26. Non-merit positions.

The following positions in the Office of the County Executive are non-merit positions:

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(e) Special Projects Manager[.] [[; and]]

[[(f) Development Ombudsman]].

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Sec. 2. Section 2-27A is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-27A. Procedures to monitor, review and coordinate the county housing and development authorization process.

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(e) Ombudsman and expediter functions. The County Executive [[shall]] must designate an organization unit or official with responsibility for serving as an ombudsman and expediter on behalf of builders, developers and other business enterprises with regard to the development authorization process [[, including]]. The designated ombudsman may be filled by a non-merit position in the Office of the County Executive. The ombudsman may perform such activities as:

(1) Representing the County Executive in obtaining the cooperation of County, bi- County, and state agencies in expediting permit applications;

(2) Expediting individual permit applications in accord with the County's economic development policies. This may include at the request of the applicant and as an initial step in the entire development process, the convening of representatives of all offices and departments of the County, public agencies, boards and

28 commissions likely to require public takings, construction or
29 extension of public facilities, dedications or easements, for the
30 purpose of ascertaining the general scope and nature of such public
31 requirements;
32 (3) Conferring with agency liaison staffs and developers and builders to
33 facilitate understanding of responsibilities and to eliminate
34 processing obstacles.
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36 **Sec. 3. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation is
37 necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect
38 on the date when it becomes law.
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41 George Leventhal 3/6/2015
George Leventhal, President, County Council Date
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44 March 13, 2015
Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date
45 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*
46 Linda M. Lauer 3/16/15
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date