

Resolution No.: 18-170
Introduced: June 9, 2015
Adopted: June 9, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of Executive Regulation 18-14AM, Position Description for Development Ombudsman in the Office of the County Executive

Background

1. Under Section 1A-104(b)(2) of the Montgomery County Code, a person holding a position in the Executive Branch designated by law as a non-merit position must be professionally qualified under a position description established by regulation.
2. On May 19, 2015, the County Council received Executive Regulation 18-14. The Council received Executive Regulation 18-14AM on May 22, 2015.
3. The Council reviewed the regulation under Method (1) of County Code §2A-15.
4. Under Method (1), the Council may approve or disapprove. The Council must affirmatively approve the regulation before the regulation takes effect.
5. If the Council approves Regulation 18-14AM, it takes effect upon adoption of the resolution approving it.

Action

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

The Council approves Executive Regulation 18-14AM, Position Description for Development Ombudsman in the Office of the County Executive.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE REGULATION

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Originating Department Office of Human Resources	Effective Date June 9, 2015

Position Description for Development Ombudsman in the Office of the County Executive

Executive Regulation No. 18-14AM

COMCOR No. 02.27A.01

Issued by: County Executive

Authority: Montgomery County Code, 2004, Sections 1A-204 and 2-27A(e)

Supersedes: none

Council review: Method (1)

Montgomery County Register, Volume 32, Issue 5

Comment deadline: May 15, 2015

Effective date: June 9, 2015

Summary: This regulation provides a position description for the non-merit position of Development Ombudsman in the Office of the County Executive. It includes a definition of the work, examples of duties and responsibilities, and the recommended qualifications, knowledge, skills, and abilities for the position. Montgomery County Code Section 2-27A(e) designates this position as a non-merit position. Under County Code Section 1A-104(b)(2), a person holding a position in the Executive Branch designated by law as a non-merit position must be professionally qualified under a position description established by regulation under method (1).

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Heading or defined term.

Existing language unchanged by executive regulation.



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Position Description for Development Ombudsman

DEFINITION OF CLASS:

This is senior staff level work dedicated to facilitating the approval process of commercial and residential development projects deemed high priorities by the County and to resolving conflicts that arise related to the entitlement process, permitting, and general regulatory procedures. The position is located in the Offices of the County Executive. As this is a non-merit position within Montgomery County Government, the employee will be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The employee reports to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Acting as a facilitator for commercial and residential development projects, by working as an intermediary to address challenges, issues and concerns during development;
- Promoting regulatory efficiency, accessibility, transparency, predictability and consistency across agencies and departments both internal and external to County Government; and
- Serving as a catalyst by identifying systemic challenges in the entitlement process, permitting, and general regulatory procedures.
- Facilitating with the agencies and departments to make necessary changes that bring about tangible improvements that save both time and costs.

The work is primarily sedentary, performed primarily in office settings subject to usual everyday risks, although the employee may make occasional on-site visits to various on-going development projects.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Assists with the process of obtaining commercial and residential real estate development approvals and permits necessary for construction by acting as a problem-solving liaison between the County and State agencies and those affected by their rules and processes.
- Brings systemic concerns to the attention of the County leadership for resolution.
- Recommends improvements in procedures and processes to agencies and the County Executive.
- Facilitates communication and coordination between the public, individuals, groups, businesses and various County and State agencies (e.g., WSSC, M-NCPPC, SHA, DEP, MMCDOT, MDOT, MDE, MHT, DBED and DPS).
- Works across government agencies to address systemic problems and reduce regulatory burdens while promoting transparency and predictability regarding regulatory activity, consistency of business regulation within the County, and appropriate flexibility.



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- Works to ensure that the regulatory burden is the minimum necessary to achieve the statutory objective.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Extensive knowledge of the principles and practices of land development, construction, and master planning (i.e., transportation needs, resource protection, and public facilities) and current issues affecting building and land regulation and development.
- Knowledge of the County's real estate regulatory processes and real estate development matters.
- Knowledge of infrastructure matters related to development projects including financing permitting and capital project schedules.
- Skill in identifying, analyzing and evaluating information concerning highly complex and often politically sensitive technical and conceptual information.
- Skill in negotiating agreements which accommodate the conflicting interests and viewpoints of numerous groups and organizations.
- Ability to express facts, conclusions and recommendations clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with government and elected officials, community and business groups, builders and developers.
- Ability to provide high level subject matter input, expertise, and advice regarding the development of land use planning policies.
- Ability to attend meetings and perform work assignments at locations outside the office.

RECOMMENDED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience: Seven (7) years of progressively responsible experience involving development review, permitting, zoning, economic development, community planning, and land use planning processes, monitoring and tracking, three (3) years of which are in a supervisory or executive capacity.

Education: Possession of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in real estate, engineering, business administration, construction management, architecture, economics, urban planning or in an appropriate planning specialization or related field.

Equivalency: An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted.



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MEDICAL PROTOCOL: Medical History Review

Approved: *Isiah Leggett*
Isiah Leggett, County Executive

5/20/15
Date

Approved as to form and legality:

Rene T Windle 5/20/15
Office of the County Attorney Date