

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

(EMERGENCY) LEGISLATIVE BILL #2024-006

INTRODUCED BY: COMMISSIONERS BREEDING, PORTER, AND BARTZ

INTRODUCED ON: OCTOBER 15, 2024

ATTEST:

J. TRAVIS BREEDING, PRESIDENT

PUBLIC HEARING: , BEGINNING AT 9:15 A.M.
COURTHOUSE, 109 MARKET STREET, ROOM 106
DENTON, MARYLAND

THIRD READING:

ENACTED:

EFFECTIVE:

Chapter 18 - Commissioners - § 18-3 Legislative Sessions

AN Act to repeal Subsection A of § 18-3, Legislative Sessions, of Chapter 18 - Commissioners, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland, and to reenact the same with amendments specifying that the County Commissioners may convene in legislative session on the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month, and on any additional days the County Commissioners determine.

FOR the purpose of adding the fourth Tuesday of each month to the County's legislative days.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland (the "County Commissioners") are authorized under Article XI-F of the Maryland Constitution and § 9-308 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Local Government Article") to adopt public local laws in general; and

WHEREAS, this Bill may also be known by its short title "Chapter 18 - Commissioners - § 18-3 - Legislative Sessions - Addition of Fourth Tuesdays as Legislative Days."

NOW, THEREFORE, in an exercise of the County's police power as a Code Home Rule County, be it enacted by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland that:

SECTION 1. SUBSECTION A OF § 18-3, LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, OF CHAPTER 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland is hereby REPEALED.

SECTION 2. A NEW SUBSECTION A OF § 18-3, LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, OF CHAPTER 18 is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

The County Commissioners may convene in legislative session on the second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of each month and on any additional days the County Commissioners determine. In no event may the County Commissioners convene on more than 45 days, or more than such other time or sessions as state law may require or allow.

SECTION 3. The Recitals to this Bill are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Bill.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Bill are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Bill is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall be deemed separate, distinct, and independent from, and such holding shall not affect the validity of, the remaining portions of this Bill, it being the intent of the County that this Bill shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION 5. The Publishers of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland (the "Code"), the Caroline County Office of Law, or the Caroline County Department of Planning and Codes, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the County Administrator, shall be authorized to make non-substantive corrections to codification, style, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, organization, and any internal or external reference or citations to the Code that is incorrect or obsolete, with no further action required by the County Commissioners. All such corrections shall be adequately referenced and described in the editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 6. The title and summary of this Bill shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Caroline County three times, at weekly intervals, and within the 4-week period after passage of the Bill, in accordance with §9-311 (i) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The title of this Bill, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Bill for publication and all other purposes. The title is not a substantive part of this Bill for publication and all other purposes. If the Bill is amended, the title may be administratively revised to conform to the content of the Bill as finally enacted.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Bill is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance and a necessary measure to address an immediate public emergency affecting the peace, health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of Caroline County, and being passed by the affirmative vote of all three County Commissioners, shall become effective upon enactment. Upon enactment, this ordinance shall be retroactive and applicable, to the maximum extent permitted by law and subject to the severability clause above, to all proceedings.

Enacted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Jennifer Reibly
Public Information Officer

J. Travis Breeding, President

(SEAL)

Larry C. Porter, Vice-President

N. Franklin Bartz, III., Commissioner

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Stewart Barroll
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