

Current Charter Language

Article II - Elected County Executive

Section 2.04 - Vacancy

SECTION 2.04 VACANCY.

In the event the office of the County Executive becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, failure to remain an elector of the County or for any other reason, the President of Council shall succeed to the office of County Executive on an interim basis. If a vacancy occurs in the first or second year of a four-year term, the interim succession shall be for a period until the next countywide general election, at which time the position shall be filled for the remainder of the principal term. If a vacancy occurs in the third or fourth year of a four-year term, the interim succession shall extend until the next countywide general election, at which time the position shall be filled for the next four-year term. The interim succession of the President of Council to the office of County Executive as provided herein shall create a vacancy in the membership of County Council and in the position of President of Council. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of President of Council, the Vice-President of Council shall assume the position of President, and the Council shall elect a member to serve as Vice-President. The Council seat vacated by the former Council president shall be filled in the manner described herein.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

Article III - The Council

Section 3.05

SECTION 3.05 COUNCIL VACANCIES.

When a vacancy occurs in a Council position, precinct committee members of the same political party and from the same district as the vacating member shall choose a replacement within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy. If the precinct committee members fail to make the appointment in the allotted time, the Council shall have thirty days to make the appointment. If the Council fails to make the appointment, the County Executive shall make the appointment.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

Section 3.06

SECTION 3.06 COUNCIL VACANCIES; NO PARTY AFFILIATION.

When a vacancy occurs in a Council position and the person vacating the position was not a member of a political party with precinct committee members, the Council shall choose a replacement within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy. If Council fails to appoint a replacement within thirty days, the County Executive shall make the appointment.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

Section 3.07

SECTION 3.07 VACANCIES; LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT.

If a vacancy occurs in the first or second year of a four-year term, the interim appointment shall be for a period until the next countywide general election, at which time the position shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the third or fourth year of a four-year term, the interim appointment shall extend until the next countywide general election, at which time the position shall be filled for the next four-year term.

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