



## **Town of Bladensburg, Maryland**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 2026**

**Date Introduced:** April 13, 2026

**Date Adopted:** April 13, 2026

**Date Effective:** April 13, 2026

#### **A Resolution Revising the Council Rules of Procedure**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg previously adopted Rules of Procedure to govern the conduct of Council meetings and the general rules and policies of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Procedure were last approved on **December 9, 2019**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Article II, Section 207 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland** grants the Town Council the authority to determine, adopt, and amend its own Rules of Procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Procedure provide the framework for the orderly conduct of Council meetings, decision-making processes, and administrative practices of the Mayor and Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Procedure may be amended, supplemented, or suspended by a majority vote of the members of the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council desire to modernize and clarify the Rules of Procedure to reflect current operational needs and best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions include provisions to permit **virtual attendance by elected officials**, authorize **remote and hybrid Council meetings**, and establish consistent procedures supporting continuity of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town researched comparable municipal practices, including those of **Frederick, Chevy Chase, Capitol Heights, and Aberdeen**, to inform the recommended updates; and

**WHEREAS**, the revisions also establish a **Consent Agenda** process to allow routine matters—such as financial reports, resolutions of support, standard administrative items, committee reports not requiring deliberation, and informational correspondence requiring no formal action—to be considered collectively in the interest of efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of these revisions will improve efficiency, modernize Council operations, and streamline meeting procedures while maintaining transparency and deliberative governance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, that:

1. The Council Rules of Procedure are hereby **revised, amended, and supplemented** to incorporate provisions related to:
  - o Virtual attendance by Councilmembers;
  - o Authorization of remote and hybrid Council meetings; and
  - o Establishment of a Consent Agenda for routine matters not requiring deliberation.
2. The revised Rules of Procedure shall supersede prior versions to the extent of any inconsistency.
3. The Mayor and Town Council may further amend or suspend the Rules of Procedure in accordance with the Charter and the adopted Rules.
4. The Town Administrator is authorized to take any administrative actions necessary to implement the revised Rules of Procedure.

**SIGNED** this 13th day of April 2026.

Attest:

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Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator  
Acting Town Clerk

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Takisha D. James, Mayor