



**Committee:** PHED  
**Committee Review:** Worksession held  
**Staff:** Christine Wellons, Legislative Attorney  
**Purpose:** Withdraw Bill under Council Rule 6g.  
**Keywords:** #BroadcastMCEDC

AGENDA ITEM #25A  
November 30, 2021  
**Withdraw Bill**

## SUBJECT

Bill 11-21, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation – Bylaws – Live Video Streaming of Open Meetings

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Glass

Co-Sponsors: Council President Hucker, Councilmembers Jawando, Katz, Navarro, Council Vice President Albornoz and Councilmember Rice

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

N/A

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Motion followed by hand vote, under Council Rule 6g, on whether to withdraw Bill 11-21.
- A motion may be made by an original sponsor of the bill to withdraw the bill.
- A majority vote is required to withdraw the bill.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The lead sponsor of Bill 11-21, Councilmember Glass, requests the withdrawal of the bill following his work with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) regarding the substance of the bill. The bill would have required MCEDC to adopt bylaws mandating: (1) the live streaming of certain meetings; and (2) the archiving of certain videos.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Bill 11-21 was introduced on March 2, 2021.
- A public hearing was held on March 23, 2021.
- A worksession of the PHED Committee was held on June 21, 2021.
- The lead sponsor has worked with the affected entity, MCEDC, and wishes to withdraw the bill.

## **This report contains:**

Bill 11-21

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Bill No. 11-21  
Concerning: Montgomery County  
Economic Development Corporation  
- Bylaws - Live Video Streaming of  
Open Meetings  
Revised: 2/24/2021 Draft No. 3  
Introduced: March 2, 2021  
Expires: September 2, 2022  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Glass  
Co-Sponsors: Council President Hucker and Councilmembers Jawando, Katz, Navarro, Council  
Vice President Albornoz and Councilmember Rice

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) require the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation to adopt bylaws requiring the live video streaming of certain meetings;
- (2) require the archiving of certain videos; and
- (3) generally amend the law regarding the bylaws and meetings of the Economic Development Corporation.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 15A, Economic Development  
Section 15A-4

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

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



23                   (A) to comply with the Maryland Open Meetings law, as  
 24                   amended, and the Maryland Public Information Act, as  
 25                   amended; and

26                   (B) to comply with the requirements of subsection (d).

27           (d) Live Video Streaming of Open Meetings.

28           (1) For purposes of this subsection, open meeting means an open  
 29           session of the Corporation under Section 3-301 of the General  
 30           Provisions Article of the Maryland Code, as amended.

31           (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the Corporation must:

32                   (A) make publicly available through its website live video  
 33                   streaming of each open meeting of the Corporation; and

34                   (B) maintain a publicly available archive that contains each  
 35                   video created under subparagraph (A).

36           (3) The requirements of this subsection do not apply if:

37                   (A) a majority of Board of Directors find that a technical  
 38                   problem or an emergency situation prevents the live video  
 39                   streaming of a meeting;

40                   (B) a factor beyond the Corporation's control, including an  
 41                   electrical power outage or an interrupted internet  
 42                   connection, prevents or delays live video streaming of a  
 43                   meeting; or

44                   (C) a factor beyond the Corporation's control, including a  
 45                   website error, makes the archive required under paragraph  
 46                   (2) temporarily unavailable.

47                   (4)   A failure to comply with this section does not invalidate any  
48                   action of the Corporation.