

Expedited Bill No. 58 -14  
Concerning: Administration – Non-merit  
Positions – Development  
Ombudsman  
Revised: 2/24/2015 Draft No. 2  
Introduced: November 25, 2014  
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Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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**AN EXPEDITED ACT to:**

- (1) create a non-merit position of Development Ombudsman in the Office of the County Executive; and
- (2) generally amend the laws governing non-merit positions in the Executive Branch.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 2, Administration  
Section 2-26  
Section 2-27A

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

1           **Sec. 1. Section 2-26 is amended as follows:**

2   **2-26. Non-merit positions.**

3           The following positions in the Office of the County Executive are non-merit  
4 positions:

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6           (e)   Special Projects Manager[.] ~~[[; and ]]~~

7           ~~[[ (f) Development Ombudsman]].~~

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9   **Sec. 2. Section 2-27A is amended as follows:**

10   Sec. 2-27A. Procedures to monitor, review and coordinate the county housing and  
11         development authorization process.

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13           (e)   Ombudsman and expediter functions. The County Executive ~~[[shall]]~~ must  
14         designate an organization unit or official with responsibility for serving as  
15         an ombudsman and expediter on behalf of builders, developers and other  
16         business enterprises with regard to the development authorization process  
17         ~~[[, including]].~~ The designated ombudsman may be filled by a non-merit  
18         position in the Office of the County Executive. The ombudsman may  
19         perform such activities as:

- 20                   (1)   Representing the County Executive in obtaining the cooperation of  
21                         County, bi- County, and state agencies in expediting permit  
22                         applications;
- 23                   (2)   Expediting individual permit applications in accord with the  
24                         County's economic development policies. This may include at the  
25                         request of the applicant and as an initial step in the entire  
26                         development process, the convening of representatives of all offices  
27                         and departments of the County, public agencies, boards and


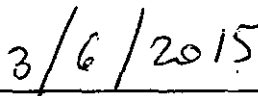
28 commissions likely to require public takings, construction or  
29 extension of public facilities, dedications or easements, for the  
30 purpose of ascertaining the general scope and nature of such public  
31 requirements;

32 (3) Conferring with agency liaison staffs and developers and builders to  
33 facilitate understanding of responsibilities and to eliminate  
34 processing obstacles.

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36 **Sec. 3. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation is  
37 necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect  
38 on the date when it becomes law.

39 *Approved:*

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George Leventhal, President, County Council Date

42 *Approved:*

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44 Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

45 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date