

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 1070

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (“THE COMMISSIONERS”), TO AMEND SECTION 1-15(a) OF CHAPTER 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS” OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

WHEREAS, for greater efficiency and management purposes, the Commissioners of Cambridge have elected to meet in regular legislative session at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays, and to designate the third Monday of each month as the day for scheduling work sessions or public hearings; and

WHEREAS, this ORDINANCE is adopted to amend Section 1-15(a) to effect said changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Cambridge that Section 1-15(a) of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-15. - Rules and procedures for the conduct of council meetings.

(a) *Regular meetings.*

(1) All regular meetings of the council shall be open to the public, unless closed pursuant to section 3-305 [~~40-508~~] of the General Provisions [~~State Government~~] Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) The city council shall hold regular [~~weekly~~] meetings on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at 6:00 [~~7:00~~] p.m., provided, however, that when the day fixed for any regular meeting of the council falls upon a day designated by law as a legal or national holiday, such meeting shall be canceled, or rescheduled pursuant to subsection (3) hereinbelow. [~~The meeting scheduled for~~] Work sessions and public hearings of the city council shall be held on an as-needed basis on the third Monday of each month [~~shall be a work session~~], and the time therefor shall be 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise set by the council at least one week prior to the work session.

(3) The time of a meeting may be amended by a three-fifths vote of the members of the council beyond the time specified above should additional matters remain on the council docket or agenda.

(4) Any meeting of the council may be adjourned to a later date and time, provided that no adjournment shall be for a longer period than until the next regular meeting.

(5) All regular meetings of the council shall be held in the council chambers of the city.

(6) The council may, by resolution or motion approved by three council members, when necessary, change the time and place of the regular meeting. The resolution or motion shall set forth the circumstances necessitating such change.

(7) Except for properly-called executive sessions as permitted by state law, all regular meetings of the city council shall be open to the media, freely subject to recording by radio, television and photography at any time, provided that such arrangements do not interfere with the orderly conduct of the meetings under such rules as the council may prescribe.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that the aforesaid amendment shall become effective upon the passage of this Ordinance.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager

BY: _____
Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor

Introduced the 8th day of **February, 2016.**

Adopted the day of **February, 2016.**

NOTE: Word(s) being underscored in bold type are the proposed new word(s) to be added to the City Code of Laws; and word(s) enclosed in brackets and struck through are proposed to be eliminated from the existing provisions of the City Code of Laws.