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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: Audit Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Office of the Inspector General Released Reports Policy

**Background**

1. Section 2-151 (a) of the Montgomery County Code states that the goals of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) are to: “(1) review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies; (2) prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and (3) propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies.”
2. Section 2-151 (k) (2) of the Montgomery County Code requires the OIG to release a report to the public for a completed workplan item (“Publicly Released Report”), but subject to the Maryland Public Information Act, the OIG may deny the public release of a report (“Publicly Withheld Report”).
3. The Council’s receipt and review of the reports completed by the OIG is crucial to achieving the OIG’s goals.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Council adopts the policy described below for the receipt and review of reports completed by the OIG.

**Publicly Released Reports**

The Council must include on its agenda receipt of a Publicly Released Report, including the tentative date for committee review or acknowledgement that committee review is not required. Committee chairs will work with their respective committee to determine if a

review is necessary. The committee review will focus on issues identified in the Publicly Released Report and will determine if any possible changes to policy or law should be considered by the Council.

If a Publicly Released Report is reviewed by a committee, the committee must report on its recommendations before the Council acts on the Report.

#### Publicly Withheld Reports

The Council must include on its agenda the receipt of the OIG's notice that a Report is designated as a Publicly Withheld Report because it is not subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act.

The Council may review a Publicly Withheld Report in a closed session. If a closed session to review the Report is not scheduled, a Councilmember may request a confidential review with the OIG about a Publicly Withheld Report.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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