

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2024-012

POLICY ON STATUES, PLAQUES AND MEMORIALS

WHEREAS, The County desires to support the appropriate and equitable placement of statues, plaques and memorials on County property; and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2020, Executive Order 2020-015 was issued, creating a committee structure to consider issues relating to such statues, plaques and memorials.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 16th day of December 2024, I, John A. Olszewski, Jr., County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland, do hereby order that:

- 1. Executive Order 2020-015, entitled "Inter-Departmental Committee on Statues, Plaques and Memorials," is amended as set forth herein.
- 2. The committee structure created by Executive Order 2020-015 is replaced with a directive to certain departments to a) develop an inventory of all current statues, plaques and memorials on County property within the purview of the department; and b) develop departmental policy addressing: (1) criteria for evaluating the placement or removal of statues, plaques and memorials on County property within the purview of the department; and (2) a process for making decisions on whether to place or remove such statues, plaques and memorials.
- 3. The directive to develop departmental policy concerning statues, plaques and memorials shall apply to: the Department of Aging; the Department of Economic and Workforce Development; the Baltimore County Fire Department; the Department of Planning; the Baltimore County Police Department; the Property Management Division of the Office of Budget and Finance; the Department of Public Works and Transportation; and the Department of Recreation and Parks.
- 4. All departmental policies shall be drafted in consultation with and shall be reviewed by the Property Management Division of the Office of Budget and Finance and shall be reviewed by the Baltimore County Office of Law for form and legal sufficiency.
- 5. Prior to implementation, all departmental policies shall be reviewed and must be granted final approval by the Baltimore County Administrative Officer.

This Executive Order shall take effect IMMEDIATELY according to its terms and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by order of the County Executive. The effect of any policy, rule or regulation of any agency of Baltimore County, Maryland inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended, except to the extent that the suspension of such policy, rule or regulation would violate County law(s).

ATTEST:

Secretary to the County Executive

John A. Olszewski, Jr.

County Executive

APPROVED:

Kevin D. Reed

Director, Office of Budget and Finance

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and approved for Execution

James R. Benjamin, Jr.

County Attorney