



**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**No. 2020-015**

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON  
STATUES, PLAQUES AND MEMORIALS**

WHEREAS, Baltimore County does not have an inventory of all statues, plaques and memorials on County property; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County does not have criteria for evaluating the placement of statues, plaques and memorials on County property; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County does not have a process for deciding whether to place statues, plaques and memorials on County property; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive believes County residents deserve a full inventory of all statues, plaques and memorials currently on County property, and a transparent process for placing them;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020, by the County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland, ordered that the Inter-Departmental Committee on Statues, Plaques and Memorials shall be created and charged as follows:

**Section I. Goal of the Committee.**

The Committee will develop an inventory of all statues, plaques and memorials on County property; develop criteria for evaluating the placement or removal of statues, plaques and memorials on County property; and develop a process for making decisions whether to place or remove statues, plaques and memorials on County property.

**Section II. Membership, appointment, chair.**

- A. Membership. The Committee shall consist of one voting member from each of the following County departments:
- a. The Department of Aging;
  - b. The Department of Economic and Workforce Development;
  - c. The Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections;
  - d. The Department of Planning;
  - e. The Department of Public Works;

- f. The Department of Recreation and Parks;
  - g. The Office of Budget and Finance;
  - h. The Office of Law;
  - i. The Office of the County Executive.
- B. Additional voting members. The County Executive may add voting members from other County departments at the request of a department head.
- C. Other Departments. The Committee may call on the assistance of personnel from other departments and County boards and commissions as needed.
- D. Chair. The Committee Chair shall be selected by the County Executive to serve a one-year term. The County Executive may reappoint the Chair to subsequent terms as Chair.

**Section III. Meetings, quorums.**

- A. Meetings. The Committee shall meet at the request of the Chair as frequently as required to perform its duties.
- B. Quorum. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and an affirmative vote of the majority of those present at any meeting shall be sufficient for any official action.

**Section IV. Inventory.**

The Property Management section of the Office of Budget and Finance shall develop an inventory of all statues, plaques, and memorials located on property owned or leased by the County and under the County's control and provide the inventory to the Committee by December 31, 2020.

**Section V. Duties and Responsibilities.**

- A. Criteria. The Committee shall develop criteria for the placement of statues, plaques and memorials on County property, including, but not limited to:
- o Any applicable laws
  - o Who or what may be honored
  - o How to determine location
  - o Design standards
  - o Financing, including public/private partnerships, for design, installation and maintenance
  - o Under what circumstances statues, plaques and memorials may or should be removed
  - o Temporary vs. permanent statues, plaques and memorials

- B. Decision process. The Committee shall develop a process for making decisions on the placement or removal of statues, plaques and memorials on County property. The process should include opportunities for public input before decisions are made.

**Section VI. Public Input.**

The Committee shall create a webpage and publish its criteria and process. The Committee shall create an email address to receive written comments from members of the public.

**Section VII. Reports.**

- A. Inventory. The Committee shall issue a report to the County Executive and County Council in March 2021 on the inventory of all statues, plaques, and memorials located on property owned or leased by the County and under the County's control.
- B. Additional reports. The Committee may issue additional reports as frequently as required to perform its duties.

**Section VIII. Staff Assistance.**

Staff assistance shall be provided by the Property Management Section of the Office of Budget and Finance.


This Executive Order shall take effect IMMEDIATELY according to its terms.

ATTEST:

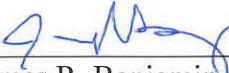
  
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Director, Office of Budget and Finance

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Approved for Execution.

  
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