

RESOLUTION NO. 370

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**A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION TO PERMIT  
VOTING BY ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS, The Dorchester County Council desires to adopt and publish its Rules of Procedure; and,**

**WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide a mechanism by which absent Council members may cast votes on significant public issues.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rules of Procedure of the Dorchester County Council are hereby established to provide as follows:**

- 1. Any member of the Council who is not expected to be physically present at a regularly scheduled County Council meeting may cast his or her vote *in absentia* provided the Council Member indicates his or her intention to do so in writing to the County Manager in advance of the Council's scheduled meeting.**
- 2. In order for the absent Council member to cast his or her vote, there must be a quorum actually present at the Council meeting.**
- 3. All Public Hearings are exempt from the absentee voting policy because Council Members must be present in order to hear testimony prior to casting a vote.**

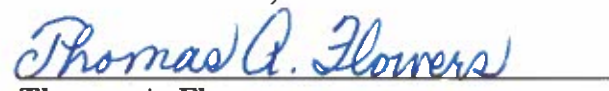
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, that Resolution No. 370 shall take effect upon the date of signature.**

Signed and adopted this 26th day of August in the Year of Our Lord 2003.

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER  
COUNTY**

  
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