

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-109-2025
Proposed by Council Member Blegay
Introduced by Council Members Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs, Olson,
Watson, Ivey, Hawkins, Adams-Stafford and Harrison
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction October 7, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test Task Force

3 For the purpose of establishing the Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test Task Force to
4 thoroughly examine the methodology, data accuracy, and real-world application of the existing
5 response time test and recommend necessary revisions or alternatives that more effectively align
6 with public safety goals and current resources.

7 WHEREAS, CR-080-2025 (DR-2) was adopted on July 8, 2025, to suspend the current
8 police response time calculations temporarily and directs the Planning Board to temporarily use
9 the most recent response time data sent by the Chief of Police prior to the January 2025 Report to
10 determine adequacy for new residential development; and

11 WHEREAS, the resolution also requires the County Executive to work with the Prince
12 George's County Planning Department in consultation with the County Council to develop best
13 practices and guidelines within fifteen days to determine a mitigation fee schedule to improve
14 police response times; and

15 WHEREAS, there are numerous issues surrounding the Police Response Time Test since
16 the enactment of CB-089-2004 and CB-056-2005, as well as the requirement of the payment of
17 the public safety surcharge for which all new residential construction must pay, the County
18 Council desires to temporarily suspend the most recent police response time calculations
19 required under Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations until the methodology
20 or current police response time calculations can be more thoroughly reviewed and evaluated for
21 accuracy and/or adjusted to address the ongoing issues associated with the current police

1 response time test; and

2 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is approximately 499 square miles; is made up of
3 diverse urban, suburban, and rural areas; and has varying crime rates throughout the County; and

4 WHEREAS, as administered, the current police response time test/methodology fails to
5 consider multiple incorporated municipal jurisdictions within the County that have their own
6 Police Departments; and

7 WHEREAS, the Council finds it is necessary to study the methodology and review the
8 police response time data to determine inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and/or incongruent
9 application or results; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George’s County provides that the
11 County Council may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of
12 citizens of the County, who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
14 County, that the Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test Task Force is hereby established.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Adequate Public Safety
16 Response Time Test Task Force shall consist of ten 10 members, selected by the Chair of the
17 County Council, to include the following:

- 18 1. Two (2) representatives of the County Council, appointed by the Chair of the County
19 Council, shall serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the Adequate Public Safety Response
20 Times Test Force;
- 21 2. One (1) representative from the Office of Chief of Police or designee;
- 22 3. One (1) representative from the Office of the Director of Homeland Security or
23 designee
- 24 4. Four (4) community leaders from various districts representing civic associations or
25 public safety advocacy organizations;
- 26 5. Two (2) representatives from the residential or commercial development community
27 appointed by the Office of County Executive.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mission of the Adequate Public Safety Response
29 Time Test Task Force shall be to review the history, purpose, and implementation of the current
30 police response time test; evaluate the methodology and data sources public used by the Police
31 Department; assess the technological and operational capabilities of the current dispatcher

1 system, solicit community input and identifying public safety concerns related to development
2 and recommending updates or alternatives to the response times test that reflect modern practices
3 and data accuracy.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall provide staff for
5 the Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test Task Force.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test
7 Task Force shall convene within 30 days of adoption and deliver a final report with findings and
8 recommendations to the County Council within six months.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 

Edward P. Burroughs
Chair

ATTEST:



Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council