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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-109-2025 Adequate Public Safety Response Time Task Force

CR-109-2025 (*Proposed by:* Council Member Blegay)

Assigned to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE TIMES TEST TASK FORCE for the purpose of establishing the Adequate Public Safety Response Times Test Task Force to thoroughly examine the methodology, data accuracy, and real-world application of the existing response time test and recommend necessary revisions or alternatives that more effectively align with public safety goals and current resources.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact

Expenditures: Additional expenditures are not likely due to the legislation not requiring payments to members of the task force, and the creation of the task force not having a fiscal impact.

Revenue: None.

Indirect Impact

None.

Legislative Summary:

CR-109-2025, proposed by Council Member Blegay, and introduced by Council Members Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Hawkins, Adams-Stafford, and Harrison, was introduced on October 7, 2025, and was referred to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. The Resolution would establish a task force to review and evaluate the current Police Response Time Test and make any necessary revisions after the task force concludes its work.

Current Law/Background:

The Prince George's County Code Subtitle 24 (Subdivisions)¹ specifies that, effective April 1, 2022² Subtitle 24 has been repealed. Subtitle 24 of the County Code previously outlined the Subdivision Regulations, including the Adequate Public Facility (APF) police response test. Before the adoption of CR-080-2025³ the Police Chief would provide a statement to help determine the appropriate Level of Service (LOS) Standard for police personnel/response for non-emergency and emergency calls for service, which is in Subtitle 24-4503 (Subdivision Regulations)⁴. The proposed legislation would establish a task force to review the currently suspended LOS Standard to determine if any revisions could be made. Section 506⁵ of the County Code allows the Council or County Executive to appoint a temporary advisory board of citizens of the County. These citizens can assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

Resource Personnel:

- Rana Hightower, PHED Committee Director
- Ayanna Crawford, Chief of Staff

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

¹ [Subtitle 24. - Subdivisions](#)

² Due to the enactment of CB-015-2018 and CB-088-2021

³ [CR-080-2025](#), which is effective July 23, 2025, and temporarily suspends the current (January 2025) police response time calculations. The Planning Board currently uses response time data prior to the January 2025 report.

⁴ [24-4508. Police Facility Adequacy](#)

⁵ [Section 506. - Citizens Advisory Boards.](#)

The proposed legislation would act as a continuation of the intent behind CR-080-2025, which suspended the most recent response time data sent by the Police Chief in January 2025. The proposed legislation would require the County Executive to work with the Prince George's County Planning Department in consultation with the County Council to develop best practices and guidelines within fifteen (15) days to determine a mitigation fee schedule with the intent to improve police response times. This process could address the issue with the current LOS Standards, which do not consider several incorporated municipal jurisdictions with their own police departments.

The Adequate Public Safety Response Times Test Force (Task Force) will consist of nine (9) members selected by the Chair of the County Council, which would include:

- Two (2) representatives of the County Council⁶
- One (1) representative from the Office of the Chief of Police or designee
- Four (4) community leaders from various districts representing civic associations or public safety advocacy organizations
- Two (2) representatives from the residential or commercial development community appointed by the Office of the County Executive.

The Task Force will also be required to convene within 30 days of adoption and deliver a final report with findings and recommendations to the County within six months. Baltimore County⁷ and Howard County⁸ have both completed reviews of their APFOs after establishing a task force and review committee. Baltimore County's review was focused on their school system, while Howard County's review of APFO covered twenty-one (21) topics and resulted in twenty-three (23) recommendations to the County.

Concerning the use of APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances)⁹, only Prince George's County uses police response times as a metric to approve/disapprove projects within the area. Carroll¹⁰ and Montgomery County¹¹ mention police in their APFOs to measure to determine the ratio of officers to population and determine if services are adequate for police stations.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

According to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the adoption of CR-109-2025 will not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County in the form of additional expenditures since the task force does not have a fiscal impact.

⁶ Appointed by the Chair of the County Council. Shall serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the Adequate Public Safety Response Times Test Force.

⁷ [Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Task Force](#) – Baltimore County

⁸ [Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Review Committee](#) – Howard County

⁹ [Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances – Maryland Counties \(January 2025\)](#)

¹⁰ [§ 156.05 ADEQUACY APPROVAL. \(Carroll County\)](#)

¹¹ [2024-2028 Growth and Infrastructure Policy \(Montgomery County\)](#)

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-109-2025 should not have an indirect fiscal impact on the County.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

Yes

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The Act shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it becomes law.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.