

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2024 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-017-2024

Proposed by Council Members Hawkins and Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey,  
Fisher, Dernoga and Franklin

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 19, 2024

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Unregistered Firearms—Ghost Guns

3 For the purpose of expressing the policy of the County Council of Prince George’s County in  
4 support of the outlaw of unregistered, unregulated firearms, or Ghost Gun weapons; and in  
5 furtherance of making Prince George’s County a Ghost Gun-Free Zone.

6 WHEREAS, according to data compiled by federal law enforcement authorities, the Justice  
7 Department has confiscated approximately 26,000 Ghost Guns; and

8 WHEREAS, the definition of Ghost Gun is often called a kit or Ghost Glock; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the available data, Ghost Gun firearms are frequently sold to  
10 minors and, because they are intentionally unregistered and lack any traceable serial number on  
11 the weapon, minors often access these weapons; and

12 WHEREAS, the rate of violent crimes committed in Prince George’s County and  
13 Washington Metropolitan region involving the use of unregistered, unregulated firearms, also  
14 known as Ghost Guns, is alarming; and

15 WHEREAS, Polymar80, the nation’s largest manufacturer of Ghost Guns, has agreed to  
16 stop selling their products in Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, the data plainly demonstrate that unauthorized access to and possession of  
18 unregulated, unregistered firearms are a profound danger to the public safety, health and welfare  
19 of the citizens and residents of the County; and

20 WHEREAS, the current County Code offers two (2) provisions in Subtitle 14, Morals and  
21 Conduct, to address Ghost Guns, Sections 14-141 and 14-161, which state, in relevant part, as

1 follows:

2 **Sec. 14-141. Transfer of weapon to minor prohibited; exception.**

3 (a) No person shall give, sell, rent, lend, or otherwise transfer and gun or  
4 weapon . . . designed to use explosive ammunition or any projectile therefor,  
5 within the County to a minor under the age of seventeen (17) years, except  
6 where the relationship of parent and child, guardian and ward or adult  
7 instructor and pupil exists between such person and the minor.

8 **Sec. 14-161. Sale or delivery of look-alike firearms prohibited.**

9 It is unlawful for any person to offer for sale, sell, or deliver any look-alike  
10 firearm as defined in this Division; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 5-701 through 5-706, Public Safety Article, Annotated Code of MD,  
12 addresses Untraceable Firearms, and calls for Prince George’s County to urge the Secretary of  
13 State Police to formally adopt regulations to carry out the provision in State law; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Maryland General Assembly passed HB425 and SB387, bills that  
15 criminalize the possession of unserialized firearms, otherwise known as ghost guns or privately  
16 made firearms; and

17 WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes Maryland State Law which states that possessing  
18 ghost guns and the failure to comply with rules and regulations is punishable by up to two years  
19 imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000 per firearm; and

20 WHEREAS, the Maryland ghost gun law was promulgated on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023; and

21 WHEREAS, the Council notes that surrounding jurisdictions have enacted laws to prohibit  
22 Ghost Guns, designated as a Class 5 felony with commensurate punishment, when remnants of  
23 3.7 ounces of detectable metal that does not generate an accurate image with an X-Ray machine;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, in an effort to protect the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and  
26 residents of the County, the County must embrace all tools available to stop the proliferation,  
27 selling, and manufacturing of ghost guns.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
29 County, Maryland, that Prince George’s County Council hereby expresses its full support of the  
30 regulation and prohibition of unregulated, unregistered firearms known as Ghost Guns, and  
31 expressing the intent of the Council that Prince George’s County be a Ghost Gun-Free Zone.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council further expresses its support of full use all  
2 legislatively available authority to control the proliferation of Ghost Guns by requiring any  
3 business or company determined to be a purveyor of firearm kits, Ghost Glocks, or other form of  
4 Ghost Gun must register the firearm by providing a traceable serial number on the frame of the  
5 gun.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Jolene Ivey  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown  
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