

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-69-2006

Proposed by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Campos and Harrington

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 18, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Public Safety Adequate Public Safety Facilities Test

3 For the purpose of temporarily suspending the staffing requirements of the Adequate Public
4 Safety Facilities Test.

5 WHEREAS, in spite of efforts by the County Council to increase staff levels for fire and
6 police personnel in the County, from the period April 2003 until April 2004, fire personnel
7 increased by a negligible amount and police personnel decreased significantly; and

8 WHEREAS, in reaction to the inability to increase for fire and police personnel in the
9 County, the County Council enacted CB-89-2004 to address and prevent inadequacies in staffing
10 levels and response times for fire and police personnel in the County; and

11 WHEREAS, the staffing levels for police and fire and rescue personnel increased to 1365
12 and 685, respectively, as of August, 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, the staffing levels for police and fire and rescue personnel further increased to
14 1478 and 694, respectively, as of January, 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, the current staffing projections for August 2006 indicate staffing levels for
16 police and fire and rescue personnel have again increased to 1510 and 732, respectively; and

17 WHEREAS, the strong pattern of growth in staffing levels for police and fire and rescue
18 personnel addresses the concerns of adequate staffing of County public safety agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Council's efforts to control development until there has been an
20 increase in the staffing levels of County public safety agencies has resulted in some development
21 projects being deferred; and

22 WHEREAS, the success of the County Council's efforts diminishes the need for controlling

1 development, especially where it impedes important redevelopment projects that promote the
2 General Plan of 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 2 of CB-89-2004 prescribes that the Council shall review the
4 provisions of the Adequate Public Safety Facilities test on or before July 31, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, the repeal the provisions of Section 24-122.01 (e)(1)(A, B) of the County
6 Code cannot be completed in a timely manner to meet the July 31, 2006, deadline prescribed in
7 Section 2 of CB-89-2004; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 1017(c) of the Charter for Prince George's County provides that a
9 resolution adopted by the Council shall have the force and effect of law but of a temporary or
10 administrative character; and

11 WHEREAS, upon due consideration of the monthly progression of County sworn police
12 and fire and rescue staffing levels subsequent to the enactment of CB-89-2004, as well as the
13 data concerning the current staffing levels for sworn police and fire and rescue personnel, it is
14 the desire of the Council to temporarily suspend the staffing requirements in Section 24-122.01
15 (e)(1)(A, B) of the County Code.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
17 County, Maryland, that the provisions of Section 24-122.01 (e)(1)(A, B) be and the same are
18 hereby temporarily suspended.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any preliminary plan of subdivision that has been
20 denied since January 1, 2006, based upon inadequate police and fire staffing levels, may be
21 reconsidered by the Planning Board, if an appropriate and timely reconsideration request is or
22 has been made. Accordingly, reconsideration shall be assessed in light of the staffing
23 requirements specified herein.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive