

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2025 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-023-2025

Chapter No. 49

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Watson

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Wildlife and Animal Control

3 For the purpose of creating a study and fee for protecting wildlife, general health, safety, and
4 welfare of the citizens impacted by wildlife within the county, and the creation of a joint action
5 plan to limit, control, and protect wildlife within the county.

6 BY adding:

7 SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

8 Section 3-106.01,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Section 3-106.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
13 added

14 SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

15 DIVISION 2. ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.

16 **Sec. 3.106.01. Wildlife Displacement Fees and Management.**

17 (a) The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the
18 Department of the Environment (DOE) shall create a study on the effects of wildlife displacement
19 by the development of new land and reach out to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources
20 (DNR) for any input on the study.

21 (1) The contents of the study are listed below:

(A) The types of wildlife that are displaced during the development of land;

(B) Identify any endangered animals that may be displaced during the development of land;

(C) The costs associated with the removal of the wildlife from the land;

(D) A estimated amount of costs that wildlife negatively impacts on the land which was developed, and developed lands within a reasonable amount distance;

(E) A estimated amount of costs that wildlife negatively impacts on the land which was developed, and developed lands within a reasonable distance;

(F) Identify and categorize areas based on the amount of wildlife present in those areas; and

(G) A formula that establishes reasonable fees that are proportioned and directly applicable to any reasonable wildlife costs incurred by any of the enumerated study requirements or what M-NCPPC and the Department of the Environment deems necessary to protect, control, and limit wildlife within the County.

(b) The M-NCPPC and the Department of the Environment shall provide the study within six (6) months of enactment.

(c) From time to time, the M-NCPPC, the Department of the Environment, and the Animal Control Administrator shall reevaluate the study and make recommendations to the County Council.

(d) The Wildlife Action Plan. The M-NCPPC, the Department of the Environment, and the Animal Control Administrator shall jointly create a comprehensive plan to address the wildlife displacement issues within the county.

(1) The plan shall include the following goals:

(A) Limiting wildlife displaced animals from encroaching and interfering with citizens' property;

(B) Controlling wildlife animal displacement where lands are developed in a manner that ensures minimal wildlife interference with citizens and their property;

(C) Protecting the displaced wildlife in a way that ensures they are kept safe for future generations to witness and enjoy;

(D) Increasing the role of animal control in limiting, controlling, and protecting the wildlife within the County;

(E) Animal Control's increased availability for wildlife calls from County residents;

(F) What the M-NCPPC, DOE, and the Animal Control Administrator deem necessary in limiting, controlling, and protecting the wildlife within the County; and


(G) From time to time, the Director of the Environment and the Animal Control Administrator shall reevaluate and update the Wildlife Action Plan as needed.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.


SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

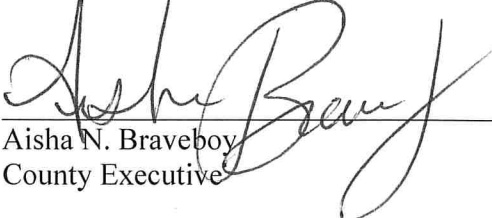
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KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.