

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. __ - 2026

May __, 2026

Transfer of the Enforcement Division Duties and Responsibilities from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement to the Office of Homeland Security

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Prince George’s County Charter provides that the County Executive may propose changes to the organization of the executive branch, including the establishment or abolition of agencies, and the assignment of functions, powers and duties among agencies, which proposals shall be set forth in Executive Orders in statutory form and be submitted to the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Schedule of Legislation, Section 17 of the Prince George’s County Charter, the Director of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement is responsible for the administration of County laws relating to business licensing and the processing of complaints against such businesses. The Director shall study and report on any planning responsibilities for the administration and enforcement of the County's permitting functions as assigned by law; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Schedule of Legislation, Section 17 of the Prince George’s County Charter, the functions of the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Housing regulations and inspections;
- (2) Construction standards, including plans review and inspections, and enforcement of building and fire codes related to building permits;
- (3) Zoning enforcement; and
- (4) Property standards.

Additional responsibilities relating to permit granting and inspectional authority may be assigned by law; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive desires to transfer the existing duties and personnel of the Enforcement Division of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement to the Office of Homeland Security to allow for a streamlined process of enforcement duties and responsibilities. These duties will include:

- (1) Housing code regulations and inspections;
- (2) Zoning enforcement; and
- (3) Property standards.

Additional responsibilities relating to permit granting and inspectional authority may be assigned by law; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeland Security will provide the resources to ensure that the enforcement provisions are more effectively carried out, to include operational oversight, strategic direction, solution-based outcomes, data-driven decisions, and accountability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Legislation of the Charter for Prince George’s County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

Section 17. – Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement.

There shall be a Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement. The Director of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement shall be responsible for the administration of County laws, relating to:

- (1) Construction standards, including plans review and inspections and enforcement of building and fire codes related to building permits;
- (2) Enforcement of the Permanent Rent Stabilization Act, pursuant to Prince George’s County, Subtitle 13;

Additional responsibilities relating to review of permit granting, plan review, construction, and inspections as may be assigned by law.

Section 14. - Office of Homeland Security.

There shall be an Office of Homeland Security headed by a Director of Homeland Security. The Director shall study and report on any enforcement and zoning matters related to the code compliance responsibilities enforced by the Office of Homeland Security. The Director shall also be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the County's code compliance functions as assigned by law. The Office of Homeland Security shall be responsible for providing planning, coordination and domestic preparedness training and shall coordinate the County's emergency management effort with Federal, State and local jurisdictions. The Office of Homeland Security shall also be responsible for management of an integrated public safety and emergency communication system, and the enforcement of housing code regulations and inspections, zoning enforcement and property standards. This Division shall be named “Code Compliance Division.”

Within the Office of Homeland Security, there shall be a Public Safety Communications Division, and an Emergency Management Division. The head of the Emergency Management Division shall be appointed by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 16A, Section 7, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, upon the recommendation of the County Executive. Prior to submission to the Governor, the County Executive shall secure concurrence of the County Council with the recommendation in the manner set forth in [Section 322](#) of the Charter. The Emergency Management Division shall have the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Article 16A, Section 7, of the Annotated

Code of Maryland. There may be an Advisory Committee on Homeland Security which shall function in an advisory capacity to the Director of Homeland Security.

SECTION 2. This Order shall be submitted to the County Council pursuant to Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter and, thereafter, shall become effective sixty (60) calendar days after such submission unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council.

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