

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2025 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-077-2025

Proposed by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Member Hawkins, Burroughs, Blegay, Watson, Harrison,  
Dernoga, and Ivey

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

Date of Introduction June 17, 2025

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Improving Police and Driver Interactions During Traffic Stops.

For the purpose of creating a driver handbook with a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and actions drivers and passengers should take during traffic stops, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officials.

WHEREAS, the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's *Race-Based Traffic Stop Data Dashboard* shows a total of 33,443 traffic stops were initiated by the twenty-seven (27) local police departments within this County; and

WHEREAS, sixty-four percent (64%) of all traffic stops by these local agencies in Prince George's County involved a Black individual and twenty-one percent (21%) a Hispanic individual; and

WHEREAS, a study from Harvard University titled *An Empirical Analysis of Racial Differences in Police Use of Force* estimates that Black and Hispanic individuals are more than fifty percent (50%) more likely to experience the use of force against them in interactions with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, in resolution *LJE-16-10*, supports State and Local governments in promoting positive interactions between drivers and law enforcement through mutual understanding of each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Office of Integrity, Compliance, and Police Accountability and the Prince George's Police Department shall collaboratively draft a driver handbook that shall

provide a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops. Once drafted, the driver handbook shall be submitted to the Police Accountability Board for its input prior to submission for County Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall also include a description of the constitutional rights of individuals during traffic stops, positive and appropriate interactions with law enforcement officials, and a description of what drivers can do if they believe their rights were violated or feel racially targeted by law enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall be made available electronically free of charge, and printed copies shall be made available to all County Council Members' Office for general distribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall also be made available to local police agencies for general distribution to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall be created and sent to the County Council for approval through resolution. The driver handbook shall be submitted to the County Council within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council