

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

Resolution No. CR-080-2025

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Watson and Fisher

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 1, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test

3 For the purpose of temporarily suspending the current police response time calculations of the
 4 Adequate Public Safety Test.

5 WHEREAS, in an effort to amend the test for adequate public facilities (APF) concerning
 6 adequate police staffing, the County Council enacted CB-089-2004 to establish a new APF test
 7 and require the submission of data by the Chief of Police to the Office of Audits and
 8 Investigation, Office of Management and Budget, and the Planning Board; and

9 WHEREAS, in response to the new APF test and requirement for police response time
 10 reporting, the County Council enacted CB-056-2005 to allow for mitigation when inadequate
 11 police response times existed in the vicinity of a new proposed residential subdivision, according
 12 to response time data submitted by the Police Department to the Planning Board; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations requires the Chief of
 14 Police to provide a statement that the rolling twelve-month average, adjusted monthly, for police
 15 response times in the vicinity of the property proposed for subdivision is a maximum of twenty-
 16 five (25) minutes for non-emergency calls for service and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for
 17 emergency calls for service; and

18 WHEREAS, the required statement is provided monthly by the Chief of Police for all eight
 19 (8) Police Divisions; and,

20 WHEREAS, and notwithstanding the police response time test, pursuant to Section 10-
 21 192.11(a) of the Prince George's County Code, the County Council, by ordinance, imposes a
 22 public safety surcharge on new residential construction for which a building permit is issued by

1 the County, and pursuant to Section 4-352 of the Prince George's County Code for Fiscal Year
2 2007 and each succeeding fiscal year, the public safety surcharge established in Section 4-352(o)
3 is adjusted for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
4 published by the United States Department of Labor, for the fiscal year preceding the year for
5 which the amount is being calculated; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Council adopts a resolution annually to adjust the public safety
7 surcharge imposed on all new residential construction for which a building permit is issued by
8 the County, and said public safety surcharge is required to be paid regardless of the Police
9 Response Time Test; and

10 WHEREAS, following the release by the Chief of Police of the most recent response time
11 data in January 2025, the Office of the County Executive informed the County Council of several
12 challenges and factors impacting the measurement of response times, such as the County's
13 current dispatcher system (PremierOne CAD); and

14 WHEREAS, the Council finds it is necessary to review the most recent response time data
15 to determine if there exist any inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and/or incongruent application,
16 methodology, or results; and

17 WHEREAS, a review of the provisions of Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the current
18 Subdivision Regulations of the County Code and the current police response time test cannot be
19 completed in a timely manner; and

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

23 WHEREAS, upon due consideration of all the issues surrounding the Police Response Time
24 Test since the enactment of CB-089-2004 and CB-056-2005, as well as the requirement of the
25 payment of the public safety surcharge for which all new residential construction must pay, it is
26 the desire of the County Council to temporarily suspend the most recent police response time
27 calculations required under Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations until the
28 methodology or current police response time calculations can be more thoroughly reviewed and
29 evaluated for accuracy.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
31 County, Maryland, that the current police response time calculations determined under

1 provisions of Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations dated January 21, 2025
2 (“January 2025 Report”) be temporarily suspended.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council may by resolution upon a
4 recommendation by the County Executive waive fully or partially any Public Safety Mitigation
5 Fee as set forth in the guidelines to implement the police APF test and mitigation procedures for
6 failure to meet level of service for police response times, pursuant to Section 24-4508(b)(1).

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive shall work with the Prince
8 George’s County Planning Department in consultation with the County Council to develop best
9 practices and guidelines within fifteen days to determine a mitigation fee schedule to improve
10 police response times.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment of mitigation fees shall be paid upon issuance
12 of a building permit.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for multifamily developments, the mitigation fee shall
14 be fifty percent of the fee paid upon issuance of a building permit, and fifty percent shall be paid
15 upon issuance of a use and occupancy permit.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board is directed to temporarily use the
17 most recent response time data sent by the Chief of Police prior to the January 2025 Report to
18 determine adequacy for new residential development.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any preliminary plan of subdivision or certificate of
20 adequacy that was denied pursuant to failing response times in the January 2025 Report may be
21 reconsidered by the Planning Board or Planning Director, as appropriate, to ensure consistency
22 with this resolution.

Adopted this 8th day of July, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
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County Executive