

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

Bill No. CB-071-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Olson

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Vehicles and Traffic - Bike Lanes and Bikeways

3 For the purpose of providing certain definitions; [providing for the authority regarding motorized
4 vehicles on sidewalks or trails;] [providing for certain fines;] providing for prohibiting motorized
5 vehicles on bike lanes and bikeways with certain exceptions and generally regarding the
6 prohibition with exceptions of motor vehicles [on sidewalks, trails,] on bike lanes and bikeways.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

9 [DIVISION 12. BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES.]

10 [Section 26-152,] Sections 26-101 and 26-127.04,

11 The Prince George's County Code

12 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

13 [BY adding:] [SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

14 DIVISION 12. BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES.

15 Section 26-152.01,

16 The Prince George's County Code

17 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).]

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
19 Maryland, that Sections [26-152] 26-101 and 26-127.04 of the Prince George's County Code be
20 and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

[DIVISION 12. BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES.]

DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Sec. 26-101. - Definitions.

(a) For the purposes of this Subtitle, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them hereunder:

(1) Bicycle means a vehicle that is designed to be operated by human power or with assistance of a motor that has a capacity of less than 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or rated less than one brake horsepower, that has two or three wheels of which one is more than 14 inches in diameter, that have a rear drive, and with wheel configuration as follows:

(A) Two wheels — in tandem;

(B) Three wheels — single front wheel with two rear wheels on a horizontal axis perpendicular to the longitudinal plane of the front wheel and spaced equidistant from the front wheel centerline;

(C) For the purposes of this Subtitle, a two or three wheeled vehicle operated by human power and not defined as a bicycle herein shall be considered a "play vehicle."

(1.1) **Bike Lane** shall mean any portion of a roadway or shoulder designated for single directional bicycle flow and that has been designated for preferential or exclusive use by bicyclists.

(1.2) **Bikeway** shall mean any trail, path, part of a roadway, surfaced or smooth shoulder or any other travel way that in some manner is designated for bicycle travel. It may be designated for the exclusive use of bicycles, or it may be shared with other transportation modes.

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[Sec. 26-152. Motorized vehicles prohibited; Sidewalks and Trails.

No person shall stop, park, stand, or drive any motorized vehicle on any sidewalk or trail established under this [Division] Subtitle. Any person issued a citation for a violation of this Section shall be subject to a fine of [Ten Dollars (\$10.00)] Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.]

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[SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section_26-152.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby

added:]

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

[DIVISION 12. BICYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES.]

DIVISION 8. PARKING REGULATIONS.

Sec. 26-127.04 - Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places.

(a) General rule. The provisions of this Section apply except as necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

(b) Stopping, standing, or parking. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

(1) In front of a public driveway;

(2) On a sidewalk;

(3) In an intersection;

(4) On a crosswalk;

(5) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the Director indicates a different length by signs or markings;

(6) Alongside or opposite any highway excavation or obstruction if to do so would obstruct traffic;

(7) On any bridge or other elevated structure on a highway;

(8) In a highway tunnel;

(9) At any place where stopping is prohibited by an official sign;[or]

(10) On any entrance or exit ramp of any highway with two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction[.]; or

(11) In a bike lane or bikeway.

(A) An authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency, a transit vehicle, a vehicle stopping momentarily to pick up or discharge disabled individuals, or a vehicle that has become unintentionally disabled are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

Bikeable shoulders shall be exempted unless they are striped as bike lanes.

[Sec. 26-152.01 Motorized vehicles prohibited; Bike Lanes and Bikeways.]

[(a) No person shall stop, park, stand or drive any motorized vehicle in a bike lane or bikeway.]

1 (b) Electric bicycles or scooters are not classified as motorized vehicles for the purposes of
2 this Section. An authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency, a transit vehicle, a
3 vehicle picking up or discharging disabled individuals, or a vehicle that has become
4 unintentionally disabled are exempt from the provisions of this Section. Bikeable shoulders shall
5 be exempted unless they are striped as bike lanes.

6 (c) Any person issued a citation for a violation of this Section shall be subject to a fine of
7 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.]

8 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
9 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
10 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
11 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
12 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
13 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
14 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
15 or section.

16 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
17 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 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: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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