



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/7/2026

Effective Date: 4/29/2026

Reference No.: CB-008-2026

Chapter Number: 5

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date: 04/07/2026 @ 10:30 AM

Proposer(s): Oriadha, Fisher, Olson and Adams-Stafford

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Fisher, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Hunter, Adams, Harrison, Ivey, Dernoga and Blegay

Item Title: AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING PROHIBITION ON FACIAL COVERINGS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT for the purpose of prohibiting certain law enforcement officers from wearing face coverings that conceal or obscure the face while interacting with the public in the performance of official duties in Prince George’s County; providing definitions and exceptions; providing penalties and enforcement; stating that a public emergency exists and declaring the nature of that emergency; and generally relating to transparency and public trust in law enforcement.

Drafter: Ramon Gonzalez, Legislative Attorney

Resource Personnel: Tre'von Sawyers, Chief of Staff, Council District 7

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/17/2026	County Council	presented and referred	COW
<p>Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha, Fisher and Olson and referred to the Committee of the Whole.</p>			
03/03/2026	COW	amended	
<p>Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Hunter, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Aye: 10 Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey, Hunter and Adams</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Absent: 1 Harrison</p> </p>			
03/03/2026	COW	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey, Hunter and Adams

Absent: 1 Harrison

03/17/2026 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Fisher, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Hunter, Adams, Harrison, Ivey, Dernoga and Blegay.

04/07/2026 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

04/07/2026 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey, Hunter and Adams

04/29/2026 County Executive Unsigned

Action Text:

This Council Bill was Unsigned

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an emergency act intended to ensure that law enforcement officers interacting with the public in Prince George's County are easily identifiable and transparent while performing their duties. The County Council has determined that there is a public emergency and this emergency act shall address this public emergency. This bill would generally prohibit officers from wearing face coverings that hide their identity during routine public interactions. Clear exceptions are included for situations where masks are necessary for safety and effectiveness, such as undercover work, SWAT operations, medical protection, or hazardous conditions. The goal is to prevent impersonation and promote accountability with all law enforcement officials operating in Prince George's County.

Document(s): CB-008-2026 - signed pdf, B2026008, CB-008-2026 Report, CB-008-2026 PAFI, CB-008-2026 OOL Comments, CB-008-2026 Police Dept. Comments, CB-008-2026 Public Comments CC 4.07.2026