



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 3/3/2026

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** CB-008-2026

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Oriadha, Fisher and Olson

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

**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><b>Action Text:</b> 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><b>Action Text:</b> 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
<p><b>Action Text:</b> 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:</p>			

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

Absent: 1 Harrison

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**AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

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**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.

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**Document(s):** B2026008, CB-008-2026 PAFI, CB-008-2026 OOL Comments, CB-008-2026 Proposed Draft 2