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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee

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SUBJECT: **CR-109-2025**

Purpose

Section 27-3501(c)(2)(A) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance states in part that "the Council's Legislative Counsel shall prepare the proposed amendment in consultation with the Planning Director,..." The Planning Department is submitting this memorandum to provide clarification and any recommendations for consideration on the proposed legislation:

CR-109-2025: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE TIMES TEST TASK FORCE for the purpose of establishing the Adequate Public Safety Response Times Test Task Force to thoroughly examine the methodology, data accuracy, and real-world application of the existing response time test and recommend necessary revisions or alternatives that more effectively align with public safety goals and current resources.

Policy Analysis

The stated intent of the resolution is to establish an Adequate Public Safety Response Times Test Task Force in response to concerns regarding the accuracy and consistency of the data used to measure compliance, particularly with the January 2025 report submitted by the Chief of Police. Furthermore, advancements in dispatch technology and modifications in community policing models indicate a need to review the existing framework.

Upon receipt of CR-109-2025, the Planning Department conducted research to determine the best course of action, ensuring that this request includes preliminary information to support the proposed amendment. The Planning Department concluded that CR-109-2025, primarily staffed by residents and lacking sufficient emergency services experts, may not effectively cover key issues such as methodology, data sources, technology, and police operations. Staff recommended including additional police representatives, such as an official from the Office of Homeland Security, a police legal advisor, and someone responsible for staffing and facilities. A representative from the Office of Management and Budget should also be added to discuss data collection and fee utilization.



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As always, the Planning Department is happy to assist with any questions or revisions the Committee may wish to discuss.