

# COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

## 2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-26-2006

Proposed by Council Members Dernoga and Peters

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Peters, Knotts, Dean and Bland

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 28, 2006

### RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Adequacy of Public Facilities – Police and Fire Staffing

3 For the purpose of clarifying the collection and reporting of data concerning the authorized  
4 strength of sworn police officers and qualified fire and rescue personnel.

5 WHEREAS, the County Council enacted and the County Executive signed into law certain  
6 amendments (CB-89-2004 and CB-56-2005) to Section 24-112.01 of the Subdivision Ordinance  
7 of the County; and

8 WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is required to submit a statement to the Office of Audits  
9 and Investigations, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Planning Board of authorized  
10 strength of sworn officers of at least 1,349 sworn officers on and after December 31, 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, the Fire Chief is required to submit a statement to the Office of Audits and  
12 Investigations, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Planning Board of authorized  
13 strength of fire and rescue personnel of at least 692 fire and rescue personnel on and after  
14 December 31, 2005; and

15 WHEREAS, the language of Section 24-122.01 regarding the time of reporting and the  
16 qualifications of personnel is ambiguous and has caused questions to arise concerning the  
17 required reporting that the County Council and the Planning Board desire to have clarified; and

18 WHEREAS, the term “on and after” requires clarification in order to provide accurate  
19 information to the Planning Board for use in reviewing applications for subdivision; and

20 WHEREAS, the term “fire and rescue personnel” requires clarification in order to be  
21 consistent with the requirements of State and County law that differentiate between persons who  
22 meet minimum qualifications to provide fire and rescue services; and

1 WHEREAS, the Education Article, Title 11, Subtitle 5 provides for the establishment of  
2 educational standards for the training of emergency services personnel by the Maryland Fire-  
3 Rescue Education and Training Commission including the monitoring of local schools and  
4 training academies and the provision of standards relating to training; and

5 WHEREAS, the Education Article, Section 13-103, establishes the Maryland Fire and  
6 Rescue Institute to train and provide training standards for emergency services personnel; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association has promulgated NFPA 1001  
8 Standards for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1006 Standard for Rescue  
9 Technician Professional Qualifications; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 1017 of the County Charter provides for the adoption of resolutions by  
11 the County Council that are administrative or temporary in nature and have the full force and  
12 effect of law.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
14 County, Maryland, that, in order to provide the Planning Board with timely information  
15 regarding the maintenance of minimum numbers of qualified police and fire and rescue  
16 personnel, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief are required to report, not later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
17 of each month, to the Office of Audits and Investigations, the Office of Management and Budget,  
18 and the Planning Board, the number of personnel delineated in Section 24-122.01 as of the 15<sup>th</sup>  
19 day of each month.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board is authorized to use the data  
21 reported by the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief for the succeeding month.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the number of fire and rescue personnel reported by  
23 the Fire Chief shall only include the number of personnel who have completed the minimum  
24 training course of instruction as required by the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training  
25 Commission, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, and NFPA Standards 1001 and 1006.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council