

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-008-2023

Chapter No. 16

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, and Burroughs

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Burroughs, Olson, and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 21, 2023

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Private Security Camera Incentive Program

3 For the purpose of establishing a Private Security Camera Incentive Program that would
 4 encourage businesses and homeowners to set up cameras to increase security surveillance.

5 Nationally, crime and illegal dumping is on the rise and establishing more surveillance would
 6 assist public safety in keeping our communities safe and clean.

7 BY adding:

8 SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

9 Section 18-122.

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2019 Edition; 2022 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 13 Maryland, that Section 18-122 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
 14 added:

15 SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

16 DIVISION 4. MISCELLANEOUS POLICE MATTERS.

17 **Sec. 18-122. – [Reserved] Private Security Camera Incentive Program.**

18 (a) *Definitions.* In this Section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

19 (1) Program means the Private Security Camera Incentive Program established under
 20 this Section.

21 (2) Security camera means an outdoor surveillance camera system, with functioning

1 digital video recording capability, that is installed on property owned or leased by an individual,
 2 business, or nonprofit organization.

3 (3) Priority area means one or more locations that the crime driven data supports as
 4 needing additional security cameras based upon public safety indicators, including crime levels.
 5 Priority areas shall be identified and published by the Chief of Police and / or designee.

6 (4) Business means any association, corporation, partnership, individual, sole
 7 proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other legal entity through which
 8 business is conducted as defined in County Code Section 10A-101(a)(4).

9 (5) Subscription means an amount paid regularly to receive a service or product.

10 (b) Program established. There is a Private Security Camera Incentive Program under the
 11 partnership between the Prince Georges County Police Department and Office of Community
 12 Relations. The Office of Community Relations will manage the marketing and outreach of the
 13 Private Security Camera Incentive Program.

14 (c) Criteria to receive a camera, rebate, or voucher. An owner or lessee of a property may
 15 qualify to receive a camera, rebate, or voucher under the program if:

- 16 (1) the applicant is an individual, business, or nonprofit organization;
- 17 (2) the property is located within a priority area;
- 18 (3) the applicant agrees in writing that the security camera must not be used for the purpose
 19 of intentionally recording specific individuals conducting lawful activity on private
 20 property not owned by the applicant;
- 21 (4) business or non-profit applicants agree in writing to post notice prominently to alert
 22 visitors of the existence of the security camera;
- 23 (5) the rebate or voucher is used solely to offset the purchase of a security camera and/ or
 24 the subscription costs associated with a security camera; and
- 25 (6) the application is submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the partnership
 26 between the Prince Georges County Police Department and the Office of Community
 27 Relations.

28 (d) Funding and limitations.

29 (1) The Director of the Office of Finance shall be responsible for dispersing rebates and
 30 vouchers.

1 (2) The amount of a rebate or voucher under the program must not exceed the purchase cost
2 of a security camera or the annual cost of a subscription for security camera service. The
3 maximum amount of a rebate or voucher shall be:

- 4 A. Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for cameras purchased by owners or lessees; and
- 5 B. One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for subscription costs.

6 (3) There shall be a limit of one (1) camera per residential household and two (2) cameras
7 per business.

8 (4) Rebates and vouchers provided under the program are subject to appropriation.

9 (5) The Office of Finance may seek federal or state funding to support the program.

10 (e) Priority Areas. Prior to implementation of the program, the Chief of Police and / or a
11 designee must provide a list of the priority areas in the County based on crime statistics. The
12 Priority Areas List shall be:

- 13 (1) identified by locations supported by crime driven data; and
- 14 (2) updated each year.

15 (f) Community Inclusiveness. This entire Section shall comply with Subtitle 2, Administration,
16 Division 46, of this Code.

17 (g) Annual report. The Office of the County Executive must report to the Council annually
18 regarding the implementation of the program, including the number and amount of rebates and
19 vouchers awarded, and the efficacy of the program.

20 **Sec. 18-123. through Sec. 18-132. – Reserved**

21 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
22 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
23 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
24 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
25 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
26 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
27 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
28 or section.

29 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be known as Jayz Agnew’s
30 Law.

31 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)

1 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 23rd day of March, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: *Thomas E. Dernoga*
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Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
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Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
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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THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE HAVING FAILED TO RETURN THIS BILL WITH EITHER HER
APPROVAL OR VETO WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS PRESENTATION TO
HER, THIS BILL BECAME LAW ON APRIL 11, 2023.