

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-077-2025
Proposed by Council Member Hawkins
Introduced by _____
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction June 17, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Improving Police and Driver Interactions During Traffic Stops.

3 For the purpose of creating a driver handbook with a description of law enforcement procedures
4 during traffic stops and actions drivers and passengers should take during traffic stops, including
5 appropriate interactions with law enforcement officials.

6 WHEREAS, the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's *Race-*
7 *Based Traffic Stop Data Dashboard* shows a total of 33,443 traffic stops were initiated by the
8 twenty-seven (27) local police departments within this County; and

9 WHEREAS, sixty-four percent (64%) of all traffic stops by these local agencies in Prince
10 George's County involved a Black individual and twenty-one percent (21%) a Hispanic
11 individual; and

12 WHEREAS, a study from Harvard University titled *An Empirical Analysis of Racial*
13 *Differences in Police Use of Force* estimates that Black and Hispanic individuals are more than
14 fifty percent (50%) more likely to experience the use of force against them in interactions with
15 law enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, in resolution *LJE-16-10*,
17 supports State and Local governments in promoting positive interactions between drivers and
18 law enforcement through mutual understanding of each other.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
20 County, Maryland, that the Office of Integrity, Compliance, and Police Accountability, in
21 collaboration with the Police Accountability Board, shall draft a driver handbook that shall
22 provide a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall also include a description of
2 the constitutional rights of individuals during traffic stops, positive and appropriate interactions
3 with law enforcement officials, and a description of what drivers can do if they believe their
4 rights were violated or feel racially targeted by law enforcement.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall be made available
6 electronically free of charge, and printed copies shall be made available to all County Council
7 Members' Office for general distribution.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall also be made available to
9 local police agencies for general distribution to the public.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the driver handbook shall be created and sent to the
11 County Council for approval through resolution. The driver handbook shall be submitted to the
12 County Council within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council