

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND****2025 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-080-2025Proposed by Council Member OriadhaIntroduced by Council Members Oriadha, Watson and Fisher

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

Date of Introduction July 1, 2025**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Adequate Public Safety Response Time Test

3 For the purpose of temporarily suspending the current police response time calculations of the  
4 Adequate Public Safety Test.5 WHEREAS, in an effort to amend the test for adequate public facilities (APF) concerning  
6 adequate police staffing, the County Council enacted CB-089-2004 to establish a new APF test  
7 and require the submission of data by the Chief of Police to the Office of Audits and  
8 Investigation, Office of Management and Budget, and the Planning Board; and9 WHEREAS, in response to the new APF test and requirement for police response time  
10 reporting, the County Council enacted CB-056-2005 to allow for mitigation when inadequate  
11 police response times existed in the vicinity of a new proposed residential subdivision, according  
12 to response time data submitted by the Police Department to the Planning Board; and13 WHEREAS, Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations requires the Chief of  
14 Police to provide a statement that the rolling twelve-month average, adjusted monthly, for police  
15 response times in the vicinity of the property proposed for subdivision is a maximum of twenty-  
16 five (25) minutes for non-emergency calls for service and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for  
17 emergency calls for service; and18 WHEREAS, the required statement is provided monthly by the Chief of Police for all eight  
19 (8) Police Divisions; and,20 WHEREAS, and notwithstanding the police response time test, pursuant to Section 10-  
21 192.11(a) of the Prince George's County Code, the County Council, by ordinance, imposes a  
22 public safety surcharge on new residential construction for which a building permit is issued by

1 the County, and pursuant to Section 4-352 of the Prince George's County Code for Fiscal Year  
2 2007 and each succeeding fiscal year, the public safety surcharge established in Section 4-352(o)  
3 is adjusted for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
4 published by the United States Department of Labor, for the fiscal year preceding the year for  
5 which the amount is being calculated; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Council adopts a resolution annually to adjust the public safety  
7 surcharge imposed on all new residential construction for which a building permit is issued by  
8 the County, and said public safety surcharge is required to be paid regardless of the Police  
9 Response Time Test; and

10 WHEREAS, following the release by the Chief of Police of the most recent response time  
11 data in January 2025, the Office of the County Executive informed the County Council of several  
12 challenges and factors impacting the measurement of response times, such as the County's  
13 current dispatcher system (PremierOne CAD); and

14 WHEREAS, the Council finds it is necessary to review the most recent response time data  
15 to determine if there exist any inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and/or incongruent application,  
16 methodology, or results; and

17 WHEREAS, a review of the provisions of Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the current  
18 Subdivision Regulations of the County Code and the current police response time test cannot be  
19 completed in a timely manner; and

20 WHEREAS, Section 1017(c) of the Charter for Prince George's County provides that a  
21 resolution adopted by the County Council shall have the force and effect of the law but of a  
22 temporary or administrative character; and

23 WHEREAS, upon due consideration of all the issues surrounding the Police Response Time  
24 Test since the enactment of CB-089-2004 and CB-056-2005, as well as the requirement of the  
25 payment of the public safety surcharge for which all new residential construction must pay, it is  
26 the desire of the County Council to temporarily suspend the most recent police response time  
27 calculations required under Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations until the  
28 methodology or current police response time calculations can be more thoroughly reviewed and  
29 evaluated for accuracy.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
31 County, Maryland, that the current police response time calculations determined under

1 provisions of Section 24-4508(b)(2)(B) of the Subdivision Regulations dated January 21, 2025  
2 (“January 2025 Report”) be temporarily suspended.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council may by resolution upon a  
4 recommendation by the County Executive waive fully or partially any Public Safety Mitigation  
5 Fee as set forth in the guidelines to implement the police APF test and mitigation procedures for  
6 failure to meet level of service for police response times, pursuant to Section 24-4508(b)(1).

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive shall work with the Prince  
8 George’s County Planning Department in consultation with the County Council to develop best  
9 practices and guidelines within fifteen days to determine a mitigation fee schedule to improve  
10 police response times.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment of mitigation fees shall be paid upon issuance  
12 of a building permit.


13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for multifamily developments, the mitigation fee shall  
14 be fifty percent of the fee paid upon issuance of a building permit, and fifty percent shall be paid  
15 upon issuance of a use and occupancy permit.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board is directed to temporarily use the  
17 most recent response time data sent by the Chief of Police prior to the January 2025 Report to  
18 determine adequacy for new residential development.


19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any preliminary plan of subdivision or certificate of  
20 adequacy that was denied pursuant to failing response times in the January 2025 Report may be  
21 reconsidered by the Planning Board or Planning Director, as appropriate, to ensure consistency  
22 with this resolution.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND


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