COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-128-2026

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request - County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Fisher

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction September 29, 2026

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Parking and Impoundment

For the purpose of aligning County parking code with Maryland Senate Bill 111 – Vehicle Laws – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Sections 26-127.01, 26-163.02, and 26-166

The Prince George's County Code

(2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 26-127.01, 26-163.02, and 26-166 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

DIVISION 8. PARKING REGULATIONS

Sec. 26-127.01 - Parking of unregistered motor vehicles [or]; unregistered trailers; expired registration stickers[.]; out-of-state registration plates with invalid address enforcement; penalty.

(a) A vehicle for which two registration plates are required, one plate shall be attached on the front and the other on the rear of the vehicle.

(b) No person shall park any unregistered motor vehicle or unregistered trailer upon the

highways, roads, streets, or other public property in the County at any time.

(c) No person shall park any motor vehicle or trailer displaying expired registration stickers upon the highways, roads, streets, or other public property in the County at any time.

(d) [Any person issued a citation for violation of this Section shall be subject to a fine of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each violation.] No person shall park upon the highways, roads, streets, or other public property in the County a vehicle that is displaying out-of-state plates if they are permanent residents of the County. The fines below apply upon the State's notification of a County resident's noncompliance with Maryland vehicle registration requirements.

(e) Any owner found in violation of this Section shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) A warning notice placed on the vehicle notifying the owner to register the motor vehicle with the state or provide proof of exemption within (5) five days;

(2) A Two Hundred and Fifty Dollar ($250) fine for a first offense; and

(3) A Four Hundred Dollar ($400) fine for each subsequent citation issued.

(4) Any motor vehicle that has not been brought into compliance under this code section may be subject to tow or impoundment by the Revenue Authority or Prince George's County Police. The impoundment of a motor vehicle shall be pursuant to Division 18 of this Subtitle.

(f) Any person issued a citation for violation of this Section, with the exception of section (d), shall be subject to a fine of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each violation.

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

DIVISION 15. PENALTIES.

Sec. 26-163.02. - Outstanding traffic and parking violation notices; impoundment.

(a) Any unattended motor vehicle found parked at any time upon any public street in Prince George's County, or any parking facility owned or operated by the Revenue Authority or Prince George's County, against which there are two or more outstanding or otherwise unsettled traffic and/or parking violation notices, or against which there have been issued two or more warrants, or against which there is any traffic and/or parking fine

that is not paid within ninety (90) days of the date of the notice of violation, or against which a vehicle displays out-of-state plates and the owner has not addressed compliance citations within the allotted time issued by the county may[, by, or under the direction of the County Police Department either by towing or otherwise,] be removed or conveyed to and impounded in any place designated by the Chief of Police or the Revenue Authority, or immobilized in such manner as to prevent its operation, except that no such vehicle shall be immobilized by any means other than by the use of a device or other mechanism which will cause no damage to such vehicle unless it is moved while such device or mechanism is in place.

(b) Any motor vehicle or mobile food unit employed in mobile vending parked at any time upon any public street in Prince George's County in the right-of-way or on private property against which there are one or more traffic and/or parking violation citations or against which there have been issued two or more warrants, may[, by, or under the direction of the County Police Department either by towing or otherwise,] be removed or conveyed to and impounded in any place designated by the Chief of Police or the Revenue Authority, or immobilized in such manner as to prevent its operation, except that no such vehicle shall be immobilized by any means other than by the use of a device or other mechanism which will cause no damage to such vehicle unless it is moved while such device or mechanism is in place. The first date of impoundment within three hundred sixty five (365) days of the first citation shall result in a fine or fees not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) to obtain the vehicle. The second act of impoundment and subsequent acts of impoundment within three hundred sixty five (365) days of the first act of impoundment shall result in a fine or fees not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), notwithstanding subsection (c) and (d).

(c) The impoundment or immobilization of a vehicle shall be done pursuant to Division 18 of this Subtitle. In any case involving immobilization of a vehicle pursuant to this Subsection, such member or officer shall cause to be placed on such vehicle, in a conspicuous manner, notice sufficient to warn any individual to the effect that such vehicle has been immobilized and that any attempt to move such vehicle might result in damage to such vehicle.

(d) The owner of such impounded or immobilized motor vehicle, or other duly authorized

person, shall be permitted to repossess or to secure the release of the vehicle upon presentation of a "Certificate of No Probable Cause" or upon satisfaction of all outstanding traffic and/or parking violation notices and reimbursement of all towing, storage, and other costs incurred as a result of the impoundment or immobilization.

(e) The Prince George's County Police Department and the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County are authorized to enforce this code section.

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

DIVISION 18. IMPOUNDMENT

Sec. 26-166. - Impoundment without prior notice.

(a) A vehicle subject to impoundment under any provision of Federal, State, or local law may be impounded without giving prior notice to its owner under the following circumstances:

(1) When the vehicle is impeding or is likely to impede the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or

(2) When the vehicle is illegally parked in any zone that has been limited to designated classes of vehicles or where parking is prohibited during certain hours, on designated days or at all times, and where such vehicle is interfering with the proper and intended use of such zones; or

(3) When the vehicle imposes an immediate danger to the public safety; or

(4) When a police officer has probable cause to believe that the vehicle is stolen; or

(5) When a police officer has probable cause to believe that the vehicle constitutes evidence of a crime or contains evidence of a crime, if impoundment is reasonably necessary in such instance to obtain or observe such evidence; or

(6) When the operator of the vehicle has been taken into custody and impoundment of the vehicle is reasonably necessary to provide for the safekeeping of the vehicle; or

(7) When the vehicle is both:

(A) An abandoned vehicle as defined by Section 26-162(b); and

(B) Located on any public street, highway, roadway, shoulder, other public property or public utility right-of-way [provided that any impoundment from public property must be at the direction of the Police Department]; or

(7.1) When the vehicle is found parked in a reserved parking space in violation

of Section 26-129;

(8) When the vehicle is parked on private property in violation of Section 26-142.01 of this Code; or

(9) When the vehicle has [five] two or more outstanding [or otherwise unsettled] traffic and/or parking violation notices older than 90 days levied against it or for which there have been issued [five] two or more warrants; or

(10) When the vehicle is parked in violation of Section 26-123 of County Code[.]; or

(11) When the vehicle is parked in violation of Section 26-127.01(d) of County Code.

(12) The Prince George's County Police Department and the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County are authorized to enforce this code section.

* * * * * * *

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

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ , 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

_____
Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
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.