COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. CB-019-2025

Chapter No. 48

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Burroughs and Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Burroughs and Oriadha

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Traffic Calming Devices and Speed Monitoring Systems

For the purpose of providing for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program; providing for traffic studies by certain initiation to evaluate the installation of traffic calming devices on residential streets; providing for certain requests and a certain approval; providing for the timeline for the process of conducting a traffic study and making a determination on whether to install traffic calming devices; providing for appropriate approvals for traffic calming devices; providing for a certain consultation and for a reporting timeline for a final decision on the installation of speed monitoring systems; providing for a certain consultation and for a reporting timeline for a final decision on the installation of residential district speed monitoring systems; and generally regarding traffic calming devices and speed monitoring systems.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

Section 26-108.02,

The Prince George's County Code

(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

Sections 2-114.01 and 2-114.02,

The Prince George's County Code

(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 26-108.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

DIVISION 2. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

Sec. 26-108.02. [Speed humps;] [t] Traffic calming devices.

(a) There is the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) for residential streets that represent the commitment of Prince George's County and the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) to promoting and encouraging the safety and livability of the County's residential communities. In an effort to reduce the impact of traffic on our neighborhoods, the NTMP provides a process for identifying, evaluating, and addressing undesirable traffic conditions related to speeding and excessive cut through traffic volumes.

(b) The NTMP provides for a traffic study to assist in the evaluation of residential streets for consideration of [speed humps] traffic calming devices, [a] as well as other traffic calming devices which [is] are a physical highway measure to reduce speed and increase safety. According to NTMP guidelines, Councilmembers can request a traffic study, which can lead to the implementation of traffic calming measures.

(c) According to NTMP guidelines, for a determination of the eligibility pursuant to a traffic study initiated for a [speed hump] traffic calming device request of [a Homeowner's Association (HOA) and] the associated County Councilmember or at the associated County Councilmember's request on behalf of a Homeowner's Association (HOA), the Department of Public Works and Transportation shall have up to six months to initiate the process of conducting the study and making a determination of whether to install [speed humps] traffic calming device.

(d) (1) The installation of [speed humps] traffic calming devices may only be used at a location approved after an engineering study; and

(2) after a majority of the members attending an official, duly constituted, meeting of the HOA, Civic Association, or those property owners on an affected street in the absence of a HOA or Civic Association vote in favor of the installation.

(e) Location approval letters shall be required by the [Prince George's County Council, by resolution] associated County Councilmember in which the [speed hump] traffic calming device request is located. Upon the receipt of the letter of approval, installation will be scheduled. The DPWT Director or their designee shall prepare a report of all requests for traffic calming devices and the disposition of the request organized by councilmanic district and calendar year. This report shall be presented to the County Council on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 26-114.01 and 26-114.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

DIVISION 4. SPEED REGULATIONS.

Sec. 26-114.01. - Authority to install and utilize speed monitoring systems.

(a) Pursuant to Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as may be amended from time to time, Prince George's County is authorized to use Speed Monitoring Systems to regulate traffic.

(b) The Director, in conjunction with the Chief of Police, and the County Council is authorized to determine those locations where speed monitoring systems are to be installed.

(c) The Director shall consult with the Police Department and the Department shall respond, in writing, within six months of a request from a County Councilmember, as to a final decision regarding whether the Department will install speed monitoring systems on a particular location of roadway and include an estimated time for installation.

[(c)] (d) All speed monitoring systems shall conform to, and be used in accordance with, the requirements of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Sec. 26-114.02. - Authority to install and utilize residential district speed monitoring systems.

(a) Pursuant to Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as may be amended from time to time, Prince George's County is authorized to use Speed Monitoring Systems, as set forth in Section 26-114.01 of this Code and Residential

District Speed Monitoring Systems as set forth in Section 26-114.02 of this Code to regulate traffic.

(b) "Residential district" means an area that: (1) Is not a business district; and (2) Adjoins and includes a highway where the property along the highway, for a distance of at least 300 feet, is improved mainly with residences or residences and buildings used for business, pursuant to Section 21-101 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(c) Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland applies to a violation of Subtitle 8, Speed Restrictions of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as applied in Prince George's County, recorded by a speed monitoring system that meets the requirements of Section 21-809 and has been placed in Prince George's County, on a highway in a residential district, as defined in Section 21-101 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, with a maximum posted speed limit of up to and including 35 miles per hour, which speed limit was established using generally accepted traffic engineering practices.

(d) A residential district speed monitoring system may not be used in a local jurisdiction under Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

(e) The Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, in conjunction with the Chief of Police and the County Council is authorized to determine those locations where residential district speed monitoring systems are to be installed.

(f) The Director shall consult with the Police Department and the Department shall respond, in writing, within six months of a request from a County Councilmember, as to a final decision regarding whether the Department will install speed monitoring systems on a particular location of roadway and include an estimated time for installation.

[(f)] (g) All residential district speed monitoring systems shall conform to, and be used in accordance with the requirements of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 3. 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 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
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Chair

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: 12/8/2025 BY: _____
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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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