



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BULLETIN

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Subject: Prince George's County Police Department Response Times in Police Districts V and VII and the Impact on Adequate Public Facilities Findings for Residential Development Review Cases

Resource: Development Review Division

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The Development Review Division (DRD) of the Prince George's County Planning Department is providing the development community of Prince George's County notification regarding the Prince George's County Police Department Response Times in Police Districts V and VII. The notification is directly related to the impact on Adequate Public Facilities Findings for Preliminary Plans of Subdivision Applications.

Currently, the first nine months of 2019 data shows that Police Districts V and VII have priority/emergency times that exceed the 10-minute emergency benchmark in every month. Eight months in District V and five months in District VII have exceeded the 10-minute benchmark by more than 20 percent.

If the current trend continues through the end of calendar 2019, the emergency/priority response times in District V and VII will result in a 12-month rolling average that exceeds the 10-minute benchmark time. This will result in a finding that development in these police districts will not meet the police adequacy standards. The Planning Department would like to notify the development community as this will impact the review of Preliminary Plans of Subdivision Applications for residential developments within Police Districts V and VII.

In accordance with Section 24-122.01(e)(1)(D) of the Prince George's County Subdivision Ordinance, the Police Chief will provide a statement of the twelve-month average adjusted monthly (referred to as the "rolling average" hereafter) for non-emergency and emergency response times. The maximum is a total of 25 minutes for non-emergency and 10 minutes for emergency calls for service.

When the County Council adopted Council Resolution CR-078-2005, the Council established new guidelines for mitigation of adequate public facilities for public safety infrastructure. The response time standards in Section 24-122.01(e)(1)(D) of the Subdivision Ordinance were reiterated in this resolution, but the resolution provided a new mitigation formula if the rolling average for police response times was beyond the standards set.

Section 24-122.01(e)(2) of the Subdivision Ordinance permits an application to be tested for three more monthly cycles if the response times are not met. If the response times are still not met, then the Planning Board may not approve the preliminary plan of subdivision until a mitigation plan between the applicant and the County is entered into and filed with the Planning Board. Council Resolution CR-078-2005 provides three mitigation options in this case – pay a mitigation fee, provide in kind services, or pool resources.

However, if the actual response times for emergency calls and/or non-emergency calls are greater than 20 percent above the required emergency response time, the applicant may not

mitigate. The police district will be in a subdivision moratorium for residential development and in accordance with Subdivision Ordinance Section 24-122.01(a), "The Planning Board may not approve a preliminary plan of subdivision if it finds that adequate public facilities do not exist or are not programmed for the area within which the proposed subdivision is located."

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Katina Shoulars, Acting Division Chief, Countywide Planning Division, at 301-952-5404 or via email at Katina.Shoulars@ppd.mncppc.org.