

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Resolution No. 191 -2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Extending term – Acting Chief of Police.

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter, extending the term of Antonio Thomas as Acting Chief of Police.

Introduced and read first time Oct 5, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

no public hearing
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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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2 Acting Chief of Police; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, no permanent appointment has been made to fill the position of Chief of
5 Police; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter provides that a person
8 shall not serve as acting head of any department for a period longer than sixty days,
9 provided, however, such limit may be extended an additional four months by
10 resolution of the Council.

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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
13 County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the Council extends the term
14 of the appointment of Antonio Thomas as Acting Chief of Police for a period of four months
15 after the expiration of the initial temporary appointment term, or until a successor is
16 appointed, whichever is sooner.



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. _____-2026 extending the term of Antonio Thomas as Acting Chief of Police, pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter.

To: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jamar Herry
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Date: September 23, 2026

Background:

Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter provides that a person shall not serve as acting head of any department for a period longer than sixty days, provided, however, such limit may be extended an additional four months by resolution of the Council.

Antonio Thomas as appointed Acting Chief of Police on August 17, 2026. Pursuant to the Charter provision referenced above, the County Executive would like to extend this temporary appointment for four months beyond the end of his temporary appointment or until a successor is appointed, whichever is sooner.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the extension of this temporary appointment.

cc: Jennifer Sager
File

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Harrod, Michelle

From: Harrod, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 1:59 PM
To: Sager, Jennifer; Mihill, Amanda
Subject: Re: CR191 obvious error

Yes I will correct.

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From: Sager, Jennifer <jsager@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, 01 October 2026 13:56:55
To: Harrod, Michelle <mrharrod@howardcountymd.gov>; Mihill, Amanda <amihill@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR191 obvious error

I think there is an obvious error in CR191. Antonio Thomas' name is spelled correctly in the title and p.1, line 14. It's spelled incorrectly on page 1, line 1.

Can the correction on page 1, line 1 considered an obvious error? It's a whereas clause but it's spelled correctly in the resolved clause?

This is for vote Monday night so I'd have to file an amendment today.