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Effective Date _____

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 63 -2026

Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

SHORT TITLE: New Executive Exempt Position - Police Colonel.

AN ACT amending County Code to add the position of Police Colonel to the list of positions appointed by the Chief of Police; and generally relating to establishing the new executive exempt position of Colonel.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2026. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2026 and Passed __, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2026 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2026

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Section 1. *Be It Enacted* by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:

By amending:

Title 1. Human Resources

Subsection (b)(4) of Section 1.306. Executive exempt

Title 1. Human Resources.

Subtitle 3. Pay Plan.

Section 1.306. Executive exempt.

(b) *Appointing Authorities.* Appointing authorities for Executive exempt employees are as provided in this subsection:

(4) *Chief of Police.* The Chief of Police, with the approval of the County Executive, is the appointing authority for the:
POLICE COLONEL;
Police Major;¹
Assistant Administrator;
Police Information Specialist; and
Police Services Support Supervisor III, serving as the Animal Control Administrator.

Note:

¹ A Howard County classified employee appointed to this position automatically reverts to the employee's prior rank in the classified service upon removal from the position, unless the removal is based upon such cause as would justify the termination of a classified employee.

Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted* by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*