



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
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