

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

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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 _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn____, by the County Council
on _____, 2026.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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.

1 **WHEREAS**, on or about August 17, 2026 Antonio Thomoas was appointed Acting
2 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 _____ 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.