

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 14

RESOLUTION NO. 108 - 2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein, Calvin Ball, Jennifer Terrasa,  
Mary Kay Sigaty, and Greg Fox  
at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION extending the State of Emergency declared by Executive Order issued on July 30,  
2016, which related to a severe flooding event, and requesting a certain report.

Introduced and read first time on September 6, 2016.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 6, 2016.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn  by the County Council on  
September 6, 2016.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

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

1   **WHEREAS**, the County Executive issued an Executive Order on July 30, 2016, related to a severe  
2           flooding event that occurred on July 30, 2016; and  
3   **WHEREAS**, the Executive Order was initially numbered 2016-73016 and subsequently renumbered as  
4           2016-05; and  
5   **WHEREAS**, the State of Emergency declared by the Executive Order was extended until September 7,  
6           2016 pursuant to the passage of Council Bill No. 57-2016; and  
7   **WHEREAS**, the hazardous conditions in the flooded area will continue beyond September 7, 2016; and  
8   **WHEREAS**, extending the State of Emergency is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare  
9           and to protect property.  
10   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this  
11   6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, that the exercise of Emergency Powers by the Executive  
12   under Sections 6.103 and 6.104 of the County Code is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and  
13   welfare and to protect property in the parts of the County that were harmed by the flooding.  
14   **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of Emergency declared by the County Executive  
15   through the Executive Order issued on July 30, 2016, and extended through September 7, 2016 by  
16   passage of Council Bill No. 57-2016, is further extended through September 20, 2016, unless terminated  
17   sooner by the County Executive or extended by Resolution of the County Council.  
18   **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council requests that, on or before September 9,  
19   2016, the County Executive submit a report to the County Council about the progress of recovery efforts  
20   and that the County Executive or his designee provide a public briefing to the County Council to discuss  
21   the report on September 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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# Howard County

## Internal Memorandum

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**Subject:** Administrative testimony on Council Resolution No. 108-2016

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Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Ryan Miller,  
Director of the Office of Emergency Management

**Date:** September 6, 2016

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The extension contemplated under CR 108 is important because public works projects including sidewalks, roadways, retaining walls and other critical infrastructure projects will

continue beyond September 7, 2016. These projects are being performed by a multitude of agencies and for the health, safety and welfare of the public, it is important that these projects are completed in a safe manner.

We are making every attempt to complete our work by September 16, 2016. However, we seek a few extra days to account for bad weather or other unforeseen issues arising as we aim for our goal of completion by September 16, 2016. For example, may encounter void spaces or significant obstructions as we make repairs. Extending the Declaration of Emergency until September 20, 2016 incorporates the Council's already-scheduled emergency legislative session on September 19, 2016 and would allow us time to account for the unknown as we engage in the complicated task of rebuilding.

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