

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 118 -2015

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

A RESOLUTION authorizing the disposal of certain Dodge Charger vehicles owned by Howard County to the Maryland Police Training Commission.

Introduced and read first time July 16, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on July 20, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐, by the County Council on July 31, 2015.

Certified By

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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**, Section 4.129 of the Howard County Code authorizes the County
2 Purchasing Agent, with the approval of the County Executive and the County Council, to
3 sell or lease surplus supplies to the State or any political subdivision or agency of the
4 State, or to the Federal Government upon such terms and conditions as the County
5 Purchasing Agent deems proper, and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Howard County, Maryland, on behalf of the Department of County
8 Administration, Office of Central Fleet, has acquired a number of Dodge Chargers for the
9 Department of Police and is transitioning from the Crown Victoria as the primary patrol
10 vehicle; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the current police patrol fleet mainly consists of Dodge Chargers;
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15 **WHEREAS**, as part of the police patrol fleet, the Department of County
16 Administration, Office of Central Fleet owns following items (collectively, the
17 “Vehicles”):

- 18 1. 2006 Dodge Charger, 5.7 hemi engine, vin 2B3LA43H26H459913
- 19 2. 2008 Dodge Charger, 5.7 hemi engine, vin 2B3LA43HX8H149334
- 20 3. 2008 Dodge Charger, 5.7 hemi engine, vin 2B3LA43H18H149335
- 21 4. 2008 Dodge Charger, 3.5 V6 engine, vin 2B3LA43G88H141272
- 22 5. 2008 Dodge Charger, 3.5 V6 engine, vin 2B3LA43GX8H141273; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the County Administration’s Vehicle and
25 Equipment Maintenance Policy (No. 300.6B), law enforcement vehicles are
26 decommissioned and replaced when they reach 5 years of service or 100,000 miles; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Vehicles have reached these milestones and should be disposed
29 of in accordance with the County Code; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Police Training Commission (MPTC) in Sykesville
2 Maryland is the body that oversees the certification of police officers throughout the State
3 of Maryland; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the MPTC also oversees the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
6 (EVOC) located in Sykesville, Maryland; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Howard County Police recruits are currently instructed on the
9 operation of emergency vehicles at the EVOC; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, veteran Howard County Police officers also attend the EVOC for
12 general driver training or remedial training; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the only vehicle currently used at the Operations Course is the Ford
15 Crown Victoria; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, there are significant differences between the Ford Crown Victoria
18 and the Dodge Charger in terms of handling and performance; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, accordingly, the Dodge Charger is the preferred vehicle for use
21 during driver training for the Police Department; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, rather than surplus and auction the Vehicles through the normal
24 process, the MPTC has requested the County to dispose of the Vehicles for use during
25 EVOC driver training; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the Department of County Administration, Office of Central Fleet,
28 agrees with this request and believes that it is in the public interest because, to maximize
29 the benefits of the EVOC course, the attendees should train with the same vehicle that
30 they will ultimately be operating while on-duty; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has approved the disposal of the Vehicles to
2 the MPTC upon such terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems
3 proper.
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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard
6 County, Maryland this 31st day of July, 2015 that it approves the disposal
7 of the above referenced Vehicles that are no longer needed by the County for public
8 purposes to Maryland Police Training Commission in Sykesville Maryland upon such
9 terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems proper.