

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

City Council



Ordinance No. 29-0010

Introduced by: Councilman ElijahJunaid

An ordinance for an Act entitled: “The Metropolitan Protection and Prioritization Act”

AN ACT to establish a mandatory protection protocol within the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for elected and appointed officials of the District of Columbia. This Act requires that all Protection Requests be fulfilled immediately, and introduces a tiered priority system to determine the number of officers assigned based on the official’s role and level of public responsibility.

Section 1 – General Provisions

- a. Severability
 - i. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- b. Effective Date
 - i. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and ratification by the Mayor.
- c. General Provisions

- i. All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null in void collectively.
- d. Codified Reference
 - i. This Act's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 29-0010"

Section 2 – Definitions and Scope

- a. "Protection Request" refers to any request made by a Designated Official to the MPD for protection.
- b. "Designated Officials" include:
 - i. Tier I: Mayor, Deputy Mayors, Council President
 - ii. Tier II: Councilmembers, Agency Directors, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
 - iii. Tier III: Appointed Commissioners, Legislative Aides, Senior Advisors
- c. "Immediate Protection" means that MPD shall assign officers without delay upon receiving a Protection Request, regardless of current operational conditions.

Section 3 – Definitions and Scope

- a. All Protection Requests shall be fulfilled immediately using available MPD personnel.
- b. The number of officers assigned shall be determined by the requesting official's tier:
 - i. Tier I: Minimum of 4 officers
 - ii. Tier II: Minimum of 2 officers
 - iii. Tier III: Minimum of 1 officer
- c. In cases where simultaneous Protection Requests are made and resources are limited, Tier I officials shall be prioritized for full allocation, followed by Tier II and Tier III.
- d. No official shall be denied protection; lower-tier requests shall be fulfilled with reduced but sufficient personnel until full coverage is available.

Section 4 – Definitions and Scope

- a. Protection requests will be done in the MPD server
- b. A channel will be made within the MPD server dedicated to protection requests
- c. Designated Officials shall have the ability to ping all MPD for protection requests
 - i. Abusing the ping will have you removed from the ability to ping all MPD personnel.
 - ii. Two roles should be established, one with ping perms and one without in order to still have access to the channel

Section 5 – Emergency Override Protocol

- a. In the event of a declared emergency, mass mobilization, or citywide threat, the Chief of Police may temporarily override tier-based allocations to ensure maximum public safety.
- b. During such overrides, MPD shall continue to provide protection to all Designated Officials, but officer counts may be adjusted based on threat level, proximity to incident, and operational necessity.
- c. If an override does occur, the Chief of Police should notify the Designated Officials without delay.

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