



## Trump Administration Policies Addressing Safety in the District of Columbia (D.C.)

### **Administration Policy:**

#### *Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful*

On March 28, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled [Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful](#) which makes it the policy of the United States to “make the District of Columbia safe, beautiful, and prosperous by preventing crime, punishing criminals, preserving order, protecting our revered American monuments, and promoting beautification and the preservation of our history and heritage.”

This EO establishes the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force to coordinate with local officials and maximize resources to make D.C. safe. Additionally, this EO requires the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate with the heads of relevant agencies and local officials to create a beautification plan, including restoring public monuments and other public properties that have been removed or damaged, removing graffiti, and ensuring the cleanliness of public spaces.

A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).

#### *Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia*

On August 11, President Trump issued an EO titled [Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia](#), which highlights the rising rates of violent crime in D.C. and declares special conditions of an emergency nature exist in D.C. The EO requires the Mayor of D.C. to provide the services of the Metropolitan Police force for Federal purposes, as permitted by [section 740 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Government Reorganization “Home Rule” Act](#).

A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).

#### *Additional Measures to Address the Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia*

On August 25, President Trump issued an EO titled [Additional Measures to Address the Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia](#). This EO requires the National Park Service to hire additional Park Police, and requires the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia to hire additional prosecutors.

This EO also directs the Secretary of Defense to create a specialized unit in the District of Columbia National Guard to ensure public safety in D.C. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is required to investigate non-compliance with safety and crime-prevention requirements of HUD agreements with D.C. Housing Authority or any landlord in D.C.

A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).

### **Background:**

- In 2024, [29,348](#) crimes were reported in Washington, D.C. including 3,469 violent offenses, 2,113 robberies, and 5,139 vehicle thefts.
- In 2025, there have already been [17,367](#) reported crimes in Washington, D.C., including 1,742 violent offenses.
- The [Home Rule Act](#) was enacted by Congress in 1973 and ratified by D.C. voters through a special referendum in 1974. The Home Rule allows for Congressional oversight of D.C.’s laws and budget. It also allows the President to appoint D.C.’s judges and provides the President emergency control of the police.