COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-066-2026

Proposed by Council Members Oriadha and Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction June 29, 2026

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers

For the purpose of establishing a two (2) year moratorium on the acceptance, processing, review, and approval of applications concerning preliminary plans of subdivision and detailed site plans that include qualified data center uses.

WHEREAS, the development of qualified data centers in Prince George's County has been a matter of great concern for the residents of the County surrounding the environmental, energy, and land use impacts of this use; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has heard these community concerns and desires a comprehensive plan to govern the development of this industry within the County; and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Data Center Task Force was established by CB-016-2025 to study the community benefits and potential risks of data center development in Prince George's County, as well as to recommend potential location and siting policies for data center uses; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 42-2025 on September 12, 2025, which ordered a temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications for Qualified Data Centers until December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of CR-098-2025 on September 16, 2025, in support of Executive Order No. 42-2025, the County Council established a temporary pause on the processing, review, and approval of applications for preliminary plans of subdivision which propose a qualified data center use until the earlier of one-hundred eighty (180) days from the adoption of the resolution or the effective date of comprehensive legislation enacted by the County Council to address the placement, construction, and operation of data center uses; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Data Center Task Force issued its Final Report in November 2025, and briefed the County Council on the Report on January 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the temporary pause established under CR-098-2025 expired on March 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 1-2026 on January 23, 2026, to extend the temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications for Qualified Data Centers established by Executive Order No. 42-2025 to April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 15-2026 on June 29, 2026, to further extend the temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications for Qualified Data Centers from June 30, 2026 to September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council believes that decisions on the location of qualified data centers within the County are too important to the needs of County residents and the future development of the County to proceed without due consideration of the likely consequences of these decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council believes a continuation of the pause on data center development, established under CR-098-2026 is appropriate to gather community input, and to fully and meaningfully consider the impacts on the health, safety and general welfare of the County's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, "qualified data center" has the meaning prescribed under Part 27-5 of Subtitle 27 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, Title 22 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes the Prince George's County District Council to, by local law, adopt and amend the text of the zoning law and, by local law, adopt and amend any map accompanying the text of the zoning law for Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, Title 23 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes the governing body of Prince George's County to adopt regulations and amendments governing a subdivision in the respective portion of the regional district in the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 25-210 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes the Prince George's County District Council to review a final decision of the county planning board to approve or disapprove a detailed site plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 10 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of

Maryland, the County may pass any ordinance, resolution, or bylaw not inconsistent with State law that may aid in maintaining the peace, good government, health, and welfare of the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1017 of the County Charter, a resolution of the County Council has the force and effect of law but of a temporary or administrative character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that there is a temporary pause on the acceptance, processing, review, and approval of applications for preliminary plans of subdivision and detailed site plans that include a qualified data center use until the earlier of two (2) years after the date of adoption of this resolution or the effective date of comprehensive legislation enacted by the County Council to address the placement, construction, and operation of data center uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the temporary moratorium established by this resolution, the Director of the Prince George's County Planning Department shall not accept, process, review, or approve applications for preliminary plans of subdivision and applications for detailed site plans which propose a qualified data center use under the prior or current Subdivision Regulations or under the prior or current Zoning Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this temporary moratorium shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council reserves the right to extend or modify this temporary pause for such additional period(s) and upon such terms and conditions as it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution are severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Resolution, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Resolution of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ , 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council