

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. CB-006-2026

Chapter No. 3

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Olson and Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Ivey, Dernoga, Hunter,
Adams and Blegay

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 17, 2026

EMERGENCY BILL

1 AN EMERGENCY ACT concerning

2 Immigration Enforcement Guidance

3 For the purpose of limiting access to certain areas for immigration enforcement, subject to
4 certain conditions; requiring the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance
5 related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities; requiring the development of
6 signage templates for private use; clarifying the meaning of "violent crime," and generally
7 relating to County administration and immigration enforcement in the County.

8 BY adding:

9 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

10 Sections 2-524, 2-552, 2-553, 2-554, 2-555, 2-556, 2-
11 557, 2-558,

12 The Prince George's County Code
13 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
15 Maryland, that Sections 2-524, 2-552, 2-553, 2-554, 2-555, 2-556, 2-557, and 2-558 of the Prince
16 George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

17 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

18 DIVISION 46. - COMMUNITY INCLUSIVENESS.

19 Sec. 2-524. - Civil immigration enforcement.

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1 (d) Coordination with immigration enforcement officials. No agent or agency may
2 coordinate with an immigration enforcement official in furtherance of a civil immigration
3 enforcement operation, including by:

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5 (5) notifying immigration enforcement officials that an individual has been or is
6 ready to be released from custody, unless the individual has been convicted of a [violent crime
7 under Maryland law] crime of violence as defined in Section 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article
8 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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10 **DIVISION 50. COMMUNITY SAFE SPACES ACT**

11 **Sec. 2-552. Short Title.**

12 This Article is known as “The Community Safe Spaces Act.”

13 **Sec. 2-553. Purpose.**

14 The purpose of this Act is to:

15 (a) uphold the County’s values of equity, inclusiveness, dignity, and justice for all;

16 (b) maintain community trust by separating County services from federal immigration
17 enforcement; and

18 (c) limit the use of County property for federal immigration enforcement purposes to
19 enhance public trust, ensure equitable access to public facilities, and preserve County resources
20 for local governmental purposes.

21 **Sec. 2-554. Definitions.**

22 (a) For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

23 (1) **County facility** means a building controlled by the County that provides services
24 to the public.

25 (2) **County-owned or County-controlled property** means real property owned,
26 leased, or otherwise under the control or management authority of the County, including parking
27 lots, garages, and vacant lots.

28 (3) **Department** means any executive branch County department, agency, division,
29 or other body, or person established by authority of an order, executive order, or County Council
30 order.

31 (4) **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** means the federal enforcement
32 agency responsible for enforcing civil immigration law, which may also include any entity or

1 personnel authorized to enforce civil immigration law.

2 (5) **Operations base** means an area that is used to plan, coordinate, and execute civil
 3 immigration enforcement operations.

4 (6) **Processing location** means an area that is used for activities such as the
 5 identification, intake, processing of documentation, detention, arrest, or temporary holding of
 6 individuals for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations.

7 (7) **Staging area** means an area used to assemble, mobilize, deploy vehicles,
 8 equipment, materials, or personnel for carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations.

9 **Sec. 2-555. ICE access in County facilities – warrant requirement.**

10 (a) A County employee or contractor shall not grant an ICE officer access or assist an
 11 officer in entering any portion of a County facility that is not accessible to the general public,
 12 unless:

13 (1) there are exigent circumstances; or

14 (2) the officer presents a valid warrant issued by a federal court.

15 (b) Nothing in this Section authorizes a County employee or contractor to interfere with,
 16 restrict, or impede an immigration officer when access has been denied or consent to entry has
 17 been withheld.

18 **Sec. 2-556. Prohibition on use of County property for ICE enforcement.**

19 (a) Any County-owned or County-controlled parking lot, garage, or vacant lot must not be
 20 used for ICE enforcement activities, including surveillance, staging, processing, detention, or
 21 vehicle storage, unless required by law or authorized by a valid judicial warrant.

22 (b) Any area or space identified under subsection (d) is not available to the general public
 23 for similar activities; in addition, federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not
 24 receive special or enhanced access to County property for civil immigration enforcement
 25 operations.

26 (c) This section does not apply to:

27 (1) any temporary access necessary to address an immediate threat to public safety; or

28 (2) publicly available areas open to the general public, where the County lacks legal
 29 authority to restrict entry.

30 (d) The County Executive shall identify all County-owned or controlled parking lots,
 31 vacant lots, or garages that either have been used or are likely to be used in the future as a

1 staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement.

2 (e) The County Executive shall ensure that all such County properties identified under
 3 subsection (d) have clear signage stating: “This property is owned or controlled by Prince
 4 George’s County. It may not be used for civil immigration enforcement as a: Staging Area,
 5 Processing Location, or Operations Base.”

6 (f) Signage. Where applicable, the County Executive shall identify areas that are open to
 7 the general public and post signage at the entrance that states: “You do not have consent to enter
 8 for civil immigration enforcement purposes without authorization from a designated official.”

9 (g) Reporting unauthorized use. A County employee who becomes aware of the
 10 unauthorized use of County-owned or County-controlled property shall immediately report the
 11 violation to the employee’s department director. A reported violation shall include as much
 12 information as possible, including time, location, and a description of what was observed. Failure
 13 to report unauthorized use of property may result in disciplinary action.

14 **Sec. 2-557. Immigration enforcement guidance for County departments; signage for**
 15 **private use.**

16 (a) Guidance by the County Executive. The County Executive, in consultation with the
 17 Office of Law, shall create and publish immigration enforcement guidance for County staff and
 18 contractors.

19 (b) Signage for private use. The County Executive shall develop a signage template for
 20 business owners and leaseholders to use and make it available on the County's website. The
 21 owner or lessee may choose to use the signage template to identify and lawfully restrict non-
 22 public areas in which they would prohibit activities related to civil immigration enforcement.

23 (c) Executive regulations. The County Executive may establish regulations and standards
 24 as necessary to accomplish the purposes and intent of this Act. The regulations must be at least
 25 as stringent and consistent as the provisions of this Act.

26 **Sec. 2-558. Compliance with Federal law.**

27 No provision in this Article may be interpreted as preventing a law enforcement agent from
 28 sending or receiving information from any local, state, or Federal agency regarding the
 29 citizenship or immigration status of an individual in accordance with applicable State, federal or
 30 constitutional law.

31 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby


1 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
2 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
3 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
4 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
5 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
6 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
7 or section.

8 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in accordance with the provisions of
9 Section 317 of the Charter, the County Council hereby declares that a public emergency exists
10 affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being the threat posed to the
11 community by unlawful federal immigration enforcement activity and the potential for
12 kidnapping and human trafficking activity due to the way federal agencies conduct immigration
13 enforcement activity.

14 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the date it
15 becomes law.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2026, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:



Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE HAVING FAILED TO RETURN THIS BILL WITH EITHER HER APPROVAL OR VETO WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS PRESENTATION TO HER, THIS BILL BECAME LAW ON APRIL 29, 2026

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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