

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2026 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-038-2026

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction May 12, 2026

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Temporary Moratorium on Convenience Store Growth in Council District 7

3 For the purpose of establishing a one (1) year moratorium on building or expanding convenience  
4 stores in Council District 7 and requesting a study of the quality-of-life impacts of the saturation  
5 of convenience stores in Council District 7.

6 WHEREAS, Council District 7 is located in the inner beltway portion of Prince George’s  
7 County adjacent to the border between Prince George’s County and the District of Columbia and  
8 is an area with a substantial potential for high-quality economic growth; and

9 WHEREAS, Council District 7 is saturated with convenience stores, many of which  
10 advertise themselves as tobacco stores, which provide very limited healthy food and grocery  
11 options while offering a substantial supply of unhealthy food and other consumer products; and

12 WHEREAS, the saturation of low-quality retail in an area often cannibalizes the  
13 commercial marketplace in that area, which discourages higher quality retail and employment,  
14 including grocery stores, from locating nearby; and

15 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council is concerned that the saturation of  
16 convenience stores in Council District 7 also attracts crime and litter on and near the premises of  
17 such stores; and

18 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council seeks a pause in convenience store growth  
19 and expansion in Council District 7 to create an opportunity to determine the best policies for  
20 addressing concerns about the saturation of convenience stores located in Council District 7; and

21 WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, “convenience store” has the meaning  
22 prescribed under Part 27-5 of Subtitle 27 of the Code; and

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

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
4 County, Maryland, that for a period of one (1) year after the date of adoption of this resolution,  
5 no County Agency or County official shall be authorized to approve a building, grading, or use  
6 and occupancy permit for (i) the establishment or opening of a new convenience store in Council  
7 District 7, (ii) the expansion of any existing convenience store in Council District 7, or (iii) the  
8 conversion of any non-convenience store building or space into a building or space to be used for  
9 a convenience store in Council District 7.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council respectfully  
11 requests that the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, in collaboration  
12 with the Department of Health and the Prince George's Police Department, conducts a study  
13 analyzing the effects of the saturation of convenience stores in Council District 7, including but  
14 not limited to including the effects of such saturation on (i) overall commercial development in  
15 Council District 7, (ii) persistence and concentration of criminal activity in Council District 7,  
16 (iii) accumulation of litter and other blight in Council District 7, and (iv) the presence and  
17 concentration of unhealthy food and other products, like tobacco products, in Council District 7,  
18 with the report from such study transmitted to the County Council and the County Executive  
19 within 180 days after the date of adoption of this resolution.

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