

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

Resolution No. CR-038-2026

Proposed by Council Chair Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Dernoga

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

Date of Introduction May 12, 2026

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Temporary Moratorium on Convenience Store, Tobacco Shop, Electronic Cigarette shop, or  
3 Retail Tobacco Business, and Food or Beverage Store Growth in Council District 7

4 For the purpose of establishing a one (1) year moratorium on building or expanding convenience  
5 stores, tobacco shops, electronic cigarette shops, or retail tobacco businesses, and food or  
6 beverage stores in Council District 7 and requesting a study of the quality-of-life impacts of the  
7 saturation of convenience stores in Council District 7.

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council is concerned with the proliferation of  
21 tobacco products sold from a variety of retail outlet uses in District 7; and

22 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council seeks a pause in convenience store growth

1 and expansion in Council District 7 to create an opportunity to determine the best policies for  
2 addressing concerns about the saturation of convenience stores located in Council District 7; and

3 WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, “convenience store” and “tobacco shop,  
4 electronic cigarette shop, or retail tobacco business” have the meanings prescribed under Part 27-  
5 5 of Subtitle 27 of the Code; and

6 WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, “food or beverage store” has the meaning  
7 ascribed to that term under Part 2, Division 1 of the prior Zoning Ordinance (effective prior to  
8 April 1, 2022), and operating under the Transitional Provisions in Part 27-1 of Subtitle 27 of the  
9 Code; and

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland, that for a period of one (1) year after the date of adoption of this resolution,  
14 no County Agency or County official shall be authorized to approve a building, grading, or use  
15 and occupancy permit for (i) the establishment or opening of a new convenience store, tobacco  
16 shop, electronic cigarette shop, or retail tobacco business, or food or beverage store in Council  
17 District 7, (ii) the expansion of any existing convenience store, tobacco shop, electronic cigarette  
18 shop, or retail tobacco business, or food or beverage store in Council District 7, or (iii) the  
19 conversion of any non-convenience store, non-tobacco shop, electronic cigarette shop, or retail  
20 tobacco business, or non-food or beverage store building or space into a building or space to be  
21 used for a convenience store, tobacco shop, electronic cigarette shop, or retail tobacco business,  
22 or food or beverage store in Council District 7.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Council respectfully  
24 requests that the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation, in collaboration  
25 with the Department of Health and the Prince George’s Police Department, conducts a study  
26 analyzing the effects of the saturation of convenience stores, tobacco shops, electronic cigarette  
27 shops, or retail tobacco businesses, and food or beverage stores in Council District 7, including  
28 but not limited to including the effects of such saturation on (i) overall commercial development  
29 in Council District 7, (ii) persistence and concentration of criminal activity in Council District 7,  
30 (iii) accumulation of litter and other blight in Council District 7, and (iv) the presence and  
31 concentration of unhealthy food and other products, like tobacco products, in Council District 7,

1 with the report from such study transmitted to the County Council and the County Executive  
2 within 180 days after the date of adoption of this resolution.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 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