

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

Resolution No. CR-026-2026

Proposed by Council Members Olson and Adams-Stafford

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

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 14, 2026

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 County Council Rules of Procedure

3 For the purpose of amending Rules of Procedure for the County Council.

4 WHEREAS, Section 316 of the Prince George’s County Charter provides for the County
5 Council to adopt and publish rules; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Council Rules of Procedure, as adopted by CR-1-1995 and
7 amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008, CR-91-2016, CR-59-2017, CR-44-2018, CR-
8 58-2020, CR-78-2023, CR-89-2023, and CR-4-2026 are maintained by the Clerk of the Council;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, amendments to the Rules of Procedure have been proposed to provide for an
11 exception to the twenty-four (24) hour notice requirement for an excused Council Member
12 absence in immediate and exigent circumstances such as a Council Member having a child in
13 school and there is a school closure, delay, early dismissal, or emergency.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
15 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council Rules of Procedure be and the same
16 are hereby amended.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Council Rules of Procedure, as adopted
18 by CR-1-1995 and amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008, CR-91-2016, CR-59-2017,
19 CR-44-2018, CR-58-2020, CR-78-2023, CR-89-2023, and CR-4-2026 are hereby repealed and
20 readopted with the following amendments:

RULES OF PROCEDURE

FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

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1 (As Adopted By CR-1-1995 and Amended by CR-3-1996, CR-1-2008, CR-7-2008,
2 CR-91-2016, CR-59-2017, CR-44-2018, CR-58-2020, CR-78-2023, CR-89-2023, and CR-4-
3 2026)

4 5 **3. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS.**

6 **3.1. Attendance.**

7 (a) By the adoption of these rules, the Members of the Council commit to be present, in-
8 person, for the convening of all regularly scheduled legislative and business sessions, including
9 public hearings, at the times designated on the agenda and to attend all meetings or work
10 sessions of Council committees to which they have been appointed. When a Council Member is
11 unable to be present, in-person, at any such meeting due to extraordinary circumstances, such as
12 illness, parental leave, caregiving responsibilities, or a significant or unexpected factor or event
13 outside the control of the Council Member, written notification shall be submitted to the Chair of
14 the Council or Committee and the Clerk of the Council at least 24-hours of the time designated
15 on the agenda for any such meeting. There shall be an exception to the twenty-four (24) hour
16 notice requirement for an excused Council Member absence in instances of immediate and
17 exigent circumstances such as a Council Member having a child in school and there is a school
18 closure, delay, early dismissal, or emergency. This exception shall not preclude the Council
19 Member from exercising the option to be present remotely. The written notification shall indicate
20 whether the Council Member intends to be present remotely at any such meeting, and if so, the
21 appropriate accommodation shall be provided to allow the Council Member to be present
22 remotely. The Chair of the Council or Committee shall announce the absence of any Council
23 Member or any Council Member attending a meeting remotely. Where a Council Member
24 submits written notification of absence to the Chair of the Council or Committee and the Clerk of
25 the Council due to extraordinary circumstances, such as illness, parental leave, caregiving
26 responsibilities, or a significant or unexpected factor or event outside the control of the Council
27 Member, the absence shall be excused. The Clerk of the Council shall record the attendance of
28 Council Members in the minutes for each meeting as in-person, remote, or absent. When
29 appropriate, the minutes shall note the subsequent arrival time of a Council Member previously
30 marked absent. The minutes shall also reflect whether an absence is excused and the recusal of
31 any Council Member in any matter under consideration.

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Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council