

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-034-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Ivey

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 21, 2026

ZONING BILL

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 Corrections Facility, Detention Center, and Prison - Definitions

3 For the purpose of adding definitions of certain uses to clarify existing language related to
4 prohibited uses; and generally related to interpretation and definitions in the Zoning Ordinance.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 Section 27-2500,

7 The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,

8 being also

9 SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional
14 District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 27-2500 of the Zoning Ordinance of
15 Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code,
16 be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

PART 27-2. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS.

Sec. 27-2500. Definitions.

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Corrections Facility

A publicly or privately owned building(s), and all accessory uses and structures, used to confine, house, and supervise persons held in lawful custody, including those who are serving terms of imprisonment for violations of criminal laws or who are awaiting trial for alleged violations of criminal laws, but not including temporary holding facilities that are accessory to a police station.

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Detention Center

A publicly or privately owned building(s), and all accessory uses and structures in which persons are incarcerated or otherwise involuntarily confined for purposes including prior to trial or sentencing detention, fulfilling the terms of a sentence imposed by a court, or for other judicial or administrative processes or proceedings. Detention Center includes an immigration detention facility as defined in Section 1-101 of the Correctional Services Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and any detention facility operated by a private, nongovernmental entity and operating pursuant to a contract or agreement with a federal, state, or local governmental entity. Detention Center does not include temporary holding facilities that are accessory to a police station.

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Prison

A publicly or privately owned building(s), and all accessory uses and structures used for long-term confinement, housing, and supervision of persons who are serving terms of imprisonment for violation of criminal laws. A prison is distinguished from a corrections facility in that a prison is considered to be a larger, long-term incarceration facility normally operated under the authority or jurisdiction of the state or federal government.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE’S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

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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