

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-033-2025

Proposed by The Chair (by request - County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Watson, Harrison, Ivey, Blegay, Hawkins and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 18, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2026 – 2030 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Housing
 3 and Community Development

4 For the purpose of approving and adopting the Prince George’s County Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2026
 5 – 2030 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Housing and Community
 6 Development (the “Analysis of Impediments”).

7 WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) states that it is the
 8 policy of the United States to provide fair housing throughout the country. Specifically, Section
 9 808(e)(5) of the Act requires the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and
 10 Urban Development (“HUD”) to administer the Department’s housing and urban development
 11 programs in a manner to “affirmatively further fair housing;” and

12 WHEREAS, Sections 104(b)(2) and 106(d)(5) of the Housing and Community
 13 Development Act of 1974, as amended, specifically require Community Development Block
 14 Grant (“CDBG”) Program grantees to certify to “affirmatively further fair housing choice.”
 15 Furthermore, Congress reiterated this obligation in Section 105(b)(13) of the National Affordable
 16 Housing Act of 1990; and

17 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the County to update and submit the Analysis of
 18 Impediments to Fair Housing Choice at least once every three (3) to five (5) years, consistent
 19 with its Consolidated Plan cycle; and

20 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is a review of a
 21 jurisdiction’s laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices affecting
 22 the location, availability, and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions,

1 both public and private, affecting fair housing choice; and

2 WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) defines
3 an impediment to fair housing choice as any actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict, or have
4 the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, color, religion, sex,
5 disability, familial status, or national origin; and

6 WHEREAS, persons residing in Maryland have greater protection under the Maryland
7 Human Relations Act than under the Federal Fair Housing Act, which incorporates marital
8 status, sexual orientation, source of income, gender identity, and miliary status, as part of
9 housing discrimination; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 2-185 of the Prince George’s County Code establishes the Office of
11 Human Rights; more importantly, Section 2-185 extends protection from discrimination to
12 include age, occupation, political opinion, personal appearance, immigration status, and
13 citizenship status;

14 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments analyzed local housing patterns, in order to
15 uncover areas where discrimination, segregation, or inequities in housing access persist;

16 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments also evaluated population, household, income
17 and housing characteristics by protected classes; evaluated public and private sector policies that
18 impact fair housing choice; identified blatant or de facto impediments to the fair housing choice,
19 where any may have existed; and recommended specific strategies to overcome the effects of any
20 identified impediments;

21 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments outlines measures and actionable steps to expand
22 housing options, reduce racial and economic disparities, and prioritize investments in
23 communities that face the greatest challenges; and

24 WHEREAS, in order to continue to advance housing equity and to alleviate and eliminate
25 any identified impediments within Prince George’s County, a Fair Housing Action Plan was
26 developed and will be reported in the County’s Consolidated Annual Performance and
27 Evaluation Report (CAPER) each program year.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
29 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County FY 2026 – 2030 Analysis of Impediments to
30 Fair Housing Choice for Housing and Community Development, a copy of which shall be
31 marked for identification by the Clerk of the County Council and maintained as a permanent

1 record, is hereby approved as particularly described in Attachment “A,” attached hereto and
2 made a part hereof.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive or her designee is hereby
4 authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince George’s County to submit the
5 approved FY 2026 – 2030 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to the U.S.
6 Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), along with all assurances contained
7 therein, to act as necessary in connection with the submission, and to provide such additional
8 information to HUD as may be required.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council