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

Resolution No.	CR-133-2025	
Proposed by	Council Member Oriadha	
Introduced by	Council Members Oriadha, Watson, Burroughs, Adams-Stafford, Fisher,	
	Ivey and Dernoga	
Co-Sponsors		
Date of Introduc	etion October 28, 2025	

RESOLUTION

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Restaurant Development and Acceleration

For the purpose of encouraging the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement to establish a Restaurant Concierge Service pilot program which accelerate the development and location of new restaurants inside of the Capital Beltway.

WHEREAS, restaurants provide important benefits to local communities, both as an employer and economic engine as well as critical gathering places that foster social interactions, cultural preservation and community vitality; and

WHEREAS, restaurants can become community hubs that enhance the social and economic fabric of a neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs seeking to establish restaurants in the County encounter a complex and expensive permitting process, which act as a barrier to opening new restaurants, especially in traditionally underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, a speedy and fair resolution of a restaurant permit application not only increases the opportunities for jobs, economic growth and revenue for essential government services but also encourages more and diverse restaurants to locate in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions across the country have made a dedicated permitting liaison one of the many solutions in their toolkit to improve permitting approval timelines and support key industries of growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the County Council hereby encourages the establishment of a Restaurant

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Concierge Service Pilot Program within the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Restaurant Concierge Service pilot program should be eligible to building permit applicants proposing new food service facilities inside of the Capital, subject to any condition set forth in regulations adopted by the Department to carry out the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concierge service will provide each eligible applicant with a dedicated liaison to facilitate the approval of necessary plans and permits by:

- (a) Conducting a pre-application meeting to discuss the proposed project and what documents and fees will be required for the permit;
 - (b) Facilitating communication with all involved County agencies;
 - (c) Providing assistance with coordinating necessary inspections; and
 - (d) Monitor plan review progress and troubleshooting application delays.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to support restaurant entrepreneurs, the DPIE Director should publish sample drawings of food service facility floorplan layouts which demonstrate compliance with applicable mechanical, electrical, environmental and food safety requirements. These sample drawings are published solely for illustrative purposes and do not release the permit applicant from submitting drawings which are certified by a Maryland Registered Professional Engineer or a Maryland Licensed Architect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicants utilizing such drawings published by the Director, recorded at the time of plan submittal, should be eligible for expedited permit plan review. Upon an initial determination of application completeness by DPIE, an application approved for expedited review should receive an initial decision no later than thirty (30) days from plan submission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicants participating in the Restaurant Permitting Concierge Service program should be eligible for a reduction in associated permitting fees. The fee reduction shall be based on a method determined by the Director and published in this program's implementing regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than August 1st of each year, the Department shall transmit to the County Council a report which describes for the previous fiscal year:

(a) The number of participants in the Restaurant Permitting Concierge Program;

1	(b)	The number of participants who successfully reached permit approval;
2	(c)	The average time (in calendar days) from plan submission to approval; and
3	(d)	Program challenges and recommended improvements.
	Adopted this	day of , 2025.
		COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
		BY:
		Edward P. Burroughs III Chair
	ATTEST:	
	Donna J. Brown Clerk of the Counc	il