

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 Introduction October 28, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Restaurant Development and Acceleration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (a) Conducting a pre-application meeting to discuss the proposed project and
10 what documents and fees will be required for the permit;

11 (b) Facilitating communication with all involved County agencies;

12 (c) Providing assistance with coordinating necessary inspections; and

13 (d) Monitor plan review progress and troubleshooting application delays.

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

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

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

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

31 (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 Council

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