



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 3/17/2026

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** CB-019-2026

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga

**Item Title:** AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING USE REGULATIONS - QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS for the purpose of repealing the exemption from detailed site plan review for qualified data centers.

**Drafter:** Eric Irving, Legislative Attorney

**Resource Personnel:** Tre'veon Sawyers, Chief of Staff, Council District 7

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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	Clerk of the Council		
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	<b>Action Text:</b>		
	This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.		

### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-5102

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill removes the exemption from detailed site plan (DSP) review for proposed qualified data center uses. By way of CB-001-2021, the District Council added qualified data centers to the list of available uses in Prince George's County, a measure which followed the 2020 passage of a County tax exemption to attract more data center projects to the County. To further incentivize the development of such projects, the County exempted data center applications from detailed site plan review, thereby shortening the time for development approval.

However, in response to a growing desire for more public scrutiny of such projects, this bill removes that exemption. If enacted, data center development applications will be subject to more public input by way of required pre-application neighborhood meetings and public hearing before the Planning Board. Additionally, data center applications may be subject to a public hearing before the District Council, by

its own election or on appeal from the applicant or an aggrieved person.

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