

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

Resolution No. CR-092-2025

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Feasibility Study for a County-Owned Grocery Store Pilot Program

3 For the purpose of authorizing the development and completion of a six-month feasibility study
 4 to evaluate the potential for establishing a County-owned and operated grocery store in Prince
 5 George's County; assessing site selection, financial viability, operational models, and
 6 community impact; and ensuring the store operates on a cost-neutral basis to the County.

7 WHEREAS, Prince George's County is committed to addressing food insecurity and
 8 eliminating food deserts within its jurisdiction; and

9 WHEREAS, several areas in the County lack equitable access to affordable, healthy, and
 10 culturally appropriate food options; and

11 WHEREAS, models in other jurisdictions such as Baldwin, Florida and Tulsa, Oklahoma
 12 have demonstrated that publicly supported or owned grocery stores can be viable tools for
 13 increasing food access in underserved communities; and

14 WHEREAS, the County seeks to explore an innovative, community-centered solution to
 15 address food access without imposing long-term financial burdens on the County's general fund.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 17 County, Maryland, that:

18 (A) Feasibility Study Authorization

19 The Council hereby authorizes the initiation of a six-month feasibility study led by the
 20 Office of Central Services and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), in partnership
 21 with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Prince George's
 22 County Food Equity Council, and relevant stakeholders.

(B) Scope of Study

(1) The study shall evaluate:

- a. Viable locations using County-owned or easily acquired property; and
- b. Capital and operational cost estimates; and
- c. Funding sources (e.g., American Rescue Plan Act Grants and Community Development Block Grants); and
- d. Ownership and management models (public, nonprofit, hybrid); and
- e. Projected revenue and operational expenses; and
- f. Strategies for maintaining a cost-neutral operation; and
- g. Community needs, input, and equity impact.

(C) Reporting Requirement.

A comprehensive report shall be submitted to the County Council within six-months of the adoption of this Resolution. The report shall include recommendations on the viability of proceeding with a pilot grocery store, including financial models and implementation timelines.

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