

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-006-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Olson and Oriadha

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

EMERGENCY BILL

1 AN EMERGENCY ACT concerning

2 Immigration Enforcement Guidance

3 For the purpose of limiting access to certain areas for immigration enforcement, subject to
4 certain conditions; requiring the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance
5 related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities; requiring the development of
6 signage templates for private use; and generally relating to County administration and
7 immigration enforcement in the County.

8 BY adding:

9 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

10 Sections 2-552, 2-553, 2-554, 2-555, 2-556, 2-557,
11 2-558,

12 The Prince George's County Code
13 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
15 Maryland, that Sections 2-552, 2-553, 2-554, 2-555, 2-556, 2-557, and 2-558 of the Prince
16 George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

17 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

18 **DIVISION 50. COMMUNITY SAFE SPACES ACT**

19 **Sec. 2-552. Short Title.**

20 This Article is known as "The Community Safe Spaces Act."

21 **Sec. 2-553. Purpose.**

1 The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (a) uphold the County’s values of equity, inclusiveness, dignity, and justice for all;

3 (b) maintain community trust by separating County services from federal immigration
 4 enforcement; and

5 (c) limit the use of County property for federal immigration enforcement purposes to
 6 enhance public trust, ensure equitable access to public facilities, and preserve County resources
 7 for local governmental purposes.

8 **Sec. 2-554. Definitions.**

9 (a) For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

10 (1) **County facility** means a building controlled by the County that provides services
 11 to the public.

12 (2) **County-owned or County-controlled property** means real property owned,
 13 leased, or otherwise under the control or management authority of the County, including parking
 14 lots, garages, and vacant lots.

15 (3) **Department** means any executive branch County department, agency, division,
 16 or other body, or person established by authority of an order, executive order, or County Council
 17 order.

18 (4) **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** means the federal enforcement
 19 agency responsible for enforcing civil immigration law, which may also include any entity or
 20 personnel authorized to enforce civil immigration law.

21 (5) **Operations base** means an area that is used to plan, coordinate, and execute civil
 22 immigration enforcement operations.

23 (6) **Processing location** means an area that is used for activities such as the
 24 identification, intake, processing of documentation, detention, arrest, or temporary holding of
 25 individuals for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations.

26 (7) **Staging area** means an area used to assemble, mobilize, deploy vehicles,
 27 equipment, materials, or personnel for carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations.

28 **Sec. 2-555. ICE access in County facilities – warrant requirement.**

29 (a) A County employee or contractor shall not grant an ICE officer access or assist an
 30 officer in entering any portion of a County facility that is not accessible to the general public,
 31 unless:

1 (1) there are exigent circumstances; or

2 (2) the officer presents a valid warrant issued by a federal court.

3 (b) Nothing in this Section authorizes a County employee or contractor to interfere with,
4 restrict, or impede an immigration officer when access has been denied or consent to entry has
5 been withheld.

6 **Sec. 2-556. Prohibition on use of County property for ICE enforcement.**

7 (a) Any County-owned or County-controlled parking lot, garage, or vacant lot must not be
8 used for ICE enforcement activities, including surveillance, staging, processing, detention, or
9 vehicle storage, unless required by law or authorized by a valid judicial warrant.

10 (b) Any area or space identified under subsection (d) is not available to the general public
11 for similar activities; in addition, federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not
12 receive special or enhanced access to County property for civil immigration enforcement
13 operations.

14 (c) This section does not apply to:

15 (1) any temporary access necessary to address an immediate threat to public safety; or

16 (2) publicly available areas open to the general public, where the County lacks legal
17 authority to restrict entry.

18 (d) The County Executive shall identify all County-owned or controlled parking lots,
19 vacant lots, or garages that either have been used or are likely to be used in the future as a
20 staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement.

21 (e) The County Executive shall ensure that all such County properties identified under
22 subsection (d) have clear signage stating: “This property is owned or controlled by Prince
23 George’s County. It may not be used for civil immigration enforcement as a: Staging Area,
24 Processing Location, or Operations Base.”

25 (f) Signage. Where applicable, the County Executive shall identify areas that are open to
26 the general public and post signage at the entrance that states: “You do not have consent to enter
27 for civil immigration enforcement purposes without authorization from a designated official.”

28 (g) Reporting unauthorized use. A County employee who becomes aware of the
29 unauthorized use of County-owned or County-controlled property shall immediately report the
30 violation to the employee’s department director. A reported violation shall include as much
31 information as possible, including time, location, and a description of what was observed. Failure

1 to report unauthorized use of property may result in disciplinary action.

2 **Sec. 2-557. Immigration enforcement guidance for County departments; signage for**
 3 **private use.**

4 (a) Guidance by the County Executive. The County Executive, in consultation with the
 5 Office of Law, shall create and publish immigration enforcement guidance for County staff and
 6 contractors.

7 (b) Signage for private use. The County Executive shall develop a signage template for
 8 business owners and leaseholders to use and make it available on the County's website. The
 9 owner or lessee may choose to use the signage template to identify and lawfully restrict non-
 10 public areas in which they would prohibit activities related to civil immigration enforcement.

11 (c) Executive regulations. The County Executive may establish regulations and standards
 12 as necessary to accomplish the purposes and intent of this Act. The regulations must be at least
 13 as stringent and consistent as the provisions of this Act.

14 **Sec. 2-558. Compliance with Federal law.**

15 No provision in this Article may be interpreted as preventing a law enforcement agent from
 16 sending or receiving information from any local, state, or Federal agency regarding the
 17 citizenship or immigration status of an individual in accordance with applicable State, federal or
 18 constitutional law.

19 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 20 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 21 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 22 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 23 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
 24 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
 25 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
 26 or section.

27 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in accordance with the provisions of
 28 Section 317 of the Charter, the County Council hereby declares that a public emergency exists
 29 affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being the threat posed to the
 30 community by unlawful federal immigration enforcement activity and the potential for
 31 kidnapping and human trafficking activity due to the way federal agencies conduct immigration

1 enforcement activity.

2 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the date it
3 becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of
the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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