

# **Prince George's County Council**

Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Dr Largo, MD 20774

# **Meeting Minutes - Final County Council**

Edward P. Burroughs III, Chair, District 8
Krystal Oriadha, Vice Chair, District 7
Shayla D. Adams-Stafford, District 5
Wala Blegay, District 6
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Jolene Ivey, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4

Colette R. Gresham, Acting Council Administrator

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

12:00 PM

**Council Hearing Room** 

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#### 9:00 A.M. - COUNCIL MEET & GREET (TECH LOUNGE)

#### 11:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

#### 11:45 AM - DISTRICT COUNCIL - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

#### 12:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Edward P. Burroughs, III at 12:15 p.m. with 11 members present at roll call.

**Present:** 11 - Co

11 - Council Member Wala Blegay

Council Member Thomas Dernoga Council Member Wanika Fisher Council Member Sydney Harrison Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

Council Member Eric Olson Council Member Ingrid Watson Council Member Jolene Ivey Chair Edward Burroughs Vice Chair Krystal Oriadha

Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford

#### Also present:

Colette Gresham, Acting Council Administrator

Karen Zavakos, Acting Deputy Council Administrator

Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council

Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council

James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Sonia Owens, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Richard Dickens, Jr., Council Liaison Administrative Aide, Office of the

County Executive

Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Rana Hightower, Director, PHED Committee

Eric Irving, Fiscal & Legislative Specialist

Marverly Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer

Arian Albear, Director, EWD Committee

Caleb Callender, Legislative Budget & Policy Analyst

#### **INVOCATION:**

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Krishnan Natesan of Hemingway Memorial AME Church in District Heights. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for the Thomas family as his childhood friend, also a teacher at Crossland High School, lost his mother during a home invasion in Fort Washington. Council Member Harrison also requested prayer for the atrocities happening in the Gaza Strip and around the world. Council Member Blegay requested prayer for the Monkou family as they recently lost their parents, Alden and Helianthe Monkou, as a result of carbon monoxide exposure in their home. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for her family in the loss of her last living grandparent, her grandmother Beatrice in London.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Fisher.

#### REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Taylor Frasier addressed the Council with concerns regarding the construction of a new data center in the county.

#### **LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 22**

#### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

#### (a) Approval of County Council Minutes

MIN 09092025

County Council Minutes dated September 9, 2025

Draft 1

*Attachment(s)*: 09092025

These Minutes were approved.

#### (b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

CB-075-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS -

MODERATELY PRICED HOUSING PROGRAM for the purpose of establishing a voluntary moderately-priced dwelling unit program; identifying developments eligible to participate in the program; requiring the minimum delivery of moderately-priced units; providing for a binding agreement between participants and the County; providing for alternative methods to comply with unit delivery requirements; setting forth development incentives for program participation; specifying the eligibility requirements for households seeking to purchase moderately-priced dwelling units; establishing the limitations on the sale and resale of moderately-priced units; providing for administrative regulations governing the program; requiring annual reporting on the program; and generally relating to housing development in Prince George's County.

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025075</u>

with web accessibility guidelines.

CB-075-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

CB-076-2025

Draft 1

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION - PRE-APPLICATION NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS - TRANSPARENCY IN LAND USE for the purpose of requiring the Planning Department to publish on its website a searchable database of informational notifications of pre-application neighborhood meetings; and ensuring that electronic versions of the informational notifications comply

**Sponsor(s)**: Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Oriadha and Burroughs

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025076</u>

**CB-076-2025 Summary** 

LDR-112-2025 Planning Board Recommendation

LDR-112-2025 Technical Staff Report

LDR-112-2025 M-NCPPC email Transmittal

LDR-112-2025 Clerk email Transmittal 07112025

The Chair announced that this item was being removed from the agenda by request of the Proposer.

This Council Bill was removed from the Agenda

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

<u>CB-077-2025</u>

Draft 1

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES - COUNTY USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS - APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION for the

purpose of providing that the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement is required at the time a County use and occupancy permit application is made to provide a certain municipality with certain documents; and generally regarding use and occupancy permits in Prince George's County.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha

Attachment(s): B2025077

CB-077-2025 Summary

LDR-113-2025 Planning Board Recommendation

LDR-113-2025 Technical Staff Report

LDR-113-2025 M-NCPPC email Transmittal

LDR-113-2025 Clerk email Transmittal 07112025

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

CB-078-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING SICK LEAVE - IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS

for the purpose of providing for certain mandated paid sick leave for a County employee or employee's family member at certain immigration proceedings; providing for certain definitions; providing for verification of certain sick leave; and generally regarding County personnel law and immigration proceedings.

**Sponsor(s)**: Ivey

Attachment(s): B2025078

CB-078-2025 Summary

CB-078-2025 PAFI Sick Leave-Immigration

**Proceedings** -Final

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Ivey and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CB-079-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING NUISANCES for the purpose of providing for certain legislative findings; adding the definition of promoter; providing for the prohibition of the operation of a public or neighborhood nuisance by a promoter; authorizing a member of the County Council to submit a certain petition to the Nuisance Abatement Board; providing for certain criminal and civil penalties; and generally regarding public and neighborhood nuisances.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga

*Attachment(s)*: B2025079

CB-079-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Dernoga and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

CB-080-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING NUISANCES for the purpose of clarifying the legislative intent of the County public and neighborhood nuisance law; adding a new prohibition on activities by promoters; providing for the prohibition by promoters for the operation of a public or neighborhood nuisance; providing for a certain notice by the Nuisance Abatement Board; providing for the timing of a certain written decision detailing the Board's final order or action; increasing fine amounts and providing for certain criminal and civil penalties; and generally regarding public and neighborhood nuisances.

**Sponsor(s)**: Harrison

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025080</u>

**CB-080-2025 Summary** 

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Harrison and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

#### CB-081-2025

Draft 1

#### AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ANIMAL

WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE for the purpose of creating the Prince George's County Animal Welfare Advisory Committee; providing for the powers and duties of the Committee; providing for the Committee composition, terms and officers; providing for meetings; providing for the Committee's advice and annual report; and generally regarding animal welfare in the County.

**Sponsor(s)**: Watson

*Attachment(s)*: B2025081

CB-081-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Watson and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

#### CB-082-2025

Draft 1

# AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS for the

purpose of declaring transferring appropriations within the General Fund to provide for costs that were not anticipated and included in the Approved Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025082</u>

<u>CB-082-2025 Summary</u> CB-082-2025 Transmittal

CB-082-2025 PAFI Supplemental Appropriations Final

CB-082-2025 - Draft 2

CB-082-2025 Draft 1 v. Draft 2

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

#### (c) Introduction of Resolutions

CR-097-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DEFERRED COLLECTION OF

<u>DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES</u> for the purpose of requesting the Maryland General Assembly to amend statutory provisions governing development impact fees to authorize the deferral of development impact fee payments until the issuance of Use and Occupancy Permits.

**Sponsor(s)**: Ivey and Fisher

*Attachment(s)*: R2025097

**CR-097-2025** Summary

CR-097-2025 PAFI Deferred Collection of

Development Impact Fees Final

Development Impact fees are regulatory measures designed to fund facilities specifically required by new development projects in order to mitigate the impact of such development on infrastructure or public facilities. These fees are passed by the Maryland General Assembly, and collected by Prince George's County. As Prince George's County elected officials look to increase the county's revenue, county council members seek to streamline the development process to encourage new development in the county. Developers have emphasized that payment of development impact fees before the final building permit is issued creates a burden on developers and private owners. This resolution will request for the General Assembly to amendment current development impact provisions to defer payments until the issuance of Use and Occupancy permits.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey and Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CR-099-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

ACCOUNTABILITY AND PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS for the purpose of participating in and encouraging the creation of an operational framework to address healthcare disparities, particularly in the area of black maternal health in Prince George's County.

**Sponsor(s)**: Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Olson, Watson, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher and Ivey

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025099

CR-099-2025 Summary

This legislation is needed to address healthcare disparities, particularly in the area of black maternal health in Prince George's County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Olson, Watson, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher and Ivey and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

<u>CR-100-2025</u>

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE

INSTALLATION OF SMART TRASH RECEPTACLES AT HIGH-USE BUS

STOPS LOCATED INSIDE THE BELTWAY for the purpose of directing the Office of Central Services to seek procurement options to establish a two-year pilot program to install smart trash receptacles at a minimum of thirty (30) high-traffic bus stops located inside the Beltway within Prince George's County, to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing waste overflow, improving cleanliness, promoting public health, and enhancing the rider experience at transit locations.

**Sponsor(s)**: Oriadha, Ivey, Hawkins, Harrison, Watson, Olson, Blegay, Adams-Stafford and Dernoga

Attachment(s): R2025100

CR-100-2025 Summary

This Resolution directs the Office of Central Services to seek procurement options to establish a two-year pilot program to install smart trash receptacles at a minimum of thirty (30) high-traffic bus stops located inside the Beltway within Prince George's County, to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing waste overflow, improving cleanliness, promoting public health, and enhancing the rider experience at transit locations.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Hawkins, Harrison, Watson, Olson, Blegay, Adams-Stafford and Dernoga and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

CR-101-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving certain transfers of appropriations within the Park Fund of the Approved FY 2026 Operating Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and approving certain transfers of appropriations to the Approved Fiscal Year 2025-2031 Capital

Improvement Program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

**Sponsor(s)**: Burroughs

*Attachment(s)*: R2025101

<u>CR-101-2025 Summary</u> <u>CR-101-2025 Report</u>

CR-101-2025 M-NCPPC Comments

This resolution amends the adopted FY 2026 Budget for the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets for M-NCPPC were adopted on May 29, 2025, by way of CB-055-2025. Title 18 of the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, authorizes the County Council to amend the adopted M-NCPPC budget by way of resolution following a public hearing. The proposed amendments are made to address capital needs in the Southern portion of the County.

The resolution amends the current year budgets for the Park Fund and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Within the Park Fund, the undesignated fund balance is reduced by \$20 million to increase the PAYGO Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund. This Capital Projects transfer will be allocated within the CIP to the Temple Hills Community Center (Project 4.99.0331). The Land Use Article requires CIP amendments to be submitted to the Commission for comment at least 30 days prior to adoption.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Blegay, Oriadha, Fisher, Hawkins, Watson and Dernoga and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

CR-102-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK

AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving certain transfers
of appropriations within the Administration Fund of the Approved FY 2026
Operating Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

**Sponsor(s)**: Burroughs

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025102

CR-102-2025 Summary

CR-102-2025 (DR-2)COW Committee Report

CR-102-2025 Draft 2

This resolution amends the adopted FY 2026 Budget for the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets for M-NCPPC were adopted on May 29, 2025, by way of CB-055-2025. Title 18 of the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, authorizes the County Council to amend the adopted M-NCPPC budget by way of resolution following a public hearing. The proposed amendment is made to take advantage of opportunities identified after the budget was adopted.

The resolution amends the current year budget for the Administration Fund by reducing funding for the Planning Department by \$1 million to fund a new \$1 million project charge to the Office of the County Executive - Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development. The project charge will be used to support economic development planning activities within the County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Blegay, Fisher and Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

<u>CR-103-2025</u>

Draft 1

# A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, FIRE OFFICIALS - SALARY SCHEDULE "F-O" SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES

for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect certain wage and benefit modifications of Fire Officials.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha, Blegay, Olson, Watson and Adams-Stafford

*Attachment(s):* R2025103

**CR-103-2025 Summary** 

<u>CR-103-2025 Attachment A</u> <u>CR-103-2025 Transmittal</u>

CR-103-2025 PAFI Compensation and Benefits Fire

Officials - Final

This Resolution amends the Salary Plan of the County for Majors in the Fire/EMS Department, Salary Schedule "F-O", to reflect the following modifications: cost of living adjustments for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026,

merit increases, Hold Harmless benefit, educational incentive, professional credential incentive and updated medical presumption provisions. A fiscal impact statement will be provided by the Office of Management and Budget.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha, Blegay, Olson, Watson and Adams-Stafford and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

#### Add19-25

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Draft 1

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Blegay, Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey,

Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Fisher and Harrison

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

#### CR-104-2025

Draft 1

## A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** for the purpose of urging the Maryland General Assembly to provide Prince George's County with additional economic tools to support the development of key industries within the County.

**Sponsor(s)**: Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Adams-Stafford, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher, Watson, Olson and Ivey

Attachment(s): R2025104

CR-104-2025 Summary

The purpose of this resolution is to urge the Prince George's County delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to introduce and support legislation authorizing the County to implement additional tax credit programs for strategic areas including, but not limited to, restaurant acceleration tax credits within the Capital Beltway.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Adams-Stafford, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher, Watson, Olson and Ivey and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

# Consent26-25

Draft 1

#### MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson,

Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

#### REC17-25

Draft 1

Recess

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey,

Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Harrison

#### 2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

#### 3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

LTR 09162025a Draft 1 Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the County Council's State bills of interest for the 2026 General Assembly Session.

Attachment(s): Delegation Letter - Council's State Bills of Interest 2026

Marverly Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee, provided an overview.

Council Member Fisher motioned to authorize a different version of the letter, removing the following items from the letter: #1. Pilot Program Allowing Beer & Wine in Grocery Stores Located in Food Deserts. #10. 10-Cent Bag Fee Revenue Sharing – Enabling.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Watson, Ivey,

Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Blegay and Hawkins

Council Member Fisher motioned to re-insert the following items to the letter and authorize: #1. Pilot Program Allowing Beer & Wine in Grocery Stores Located in Food Deserts. #10. 10-Cent Bag Fee Revenue Sharing – Enabling. The motion put the letter back to its original version.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 7 - Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Watson, Burroughs, Oriadha

and Adams-Stafford

Nay 1 - Olson

**Absent** Blegay and Hawkins

**Abstain** 1 - Ivey

#### PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

LTR 09162025b

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to Board Chair Branndon D. Jackson in support of their August 27, 2025, Financial Review and Transfer Request #2 for FY 25.

Attachment(s): FY 2025 BOE Transfer Request 2 Draft Letter from

Chair

Arian Albear, Director, Education & Workforce Development Committee, provided an overview of the letter.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and

Oriadha

**Absent** Blegay, Harrison, Hawkins and Adams-Stafford

LTR 09162025c

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to Board Chair Branndon D. Jackson in support of their August 26, 2025, FY 2026 Budget Reconciliation.

Attachment(s): FY 2026 BOE Budget Reconciliation Draft Letter

from Chair

Arian Albear, Director, Education & Workforce Development Committee, provided an overview of the letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and

Oriadha

**Absent** Blegay, Harrison, Hawkins and Adams-Stafford

#### 4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)

CB-035-2025

Draft 2

#### AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR HOUSING - 2025

REVISIONS for the purpose of removing and re-lettering certain definitions; providing for amending a certain definition; clarifying that all site plans, under certain circumstances, covered under the Site Plan definition in this Division, are approved for a certain exemption; providing for revisions to certain design elements; providing for a certain width for certain exterior door entrances; providing for a certain width for certain lead walks; providing for a certain width for certain hallways on the accessible level; providing for a certain width for certain doorways on the accessible level; providing for a certain width for certain interior hallways in townhouse and two-over-two units; providing for a certain width for certain interior doorways in townhouse and two-over-two units; providing that a waiver shall not be granted under certain circumstances as a condition of approval of a Detailed Site Plan, Special Exception, or a Zoning Map Amendment; and generally regarding Universal Design elements for certain newly constructed residential housing dwelling units.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Dernoga and Oriadha

*Attachment(s)*: B2025035

<u>CB-035-2025 Summary</u> <u>CB-035-2025 Report</u> <u>CB-035-2025 PAFI</u>

CB-035-2025 OOL Comments

Rana Hightower, Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the PHED Committee for CB-35-2025.

CB-65-2023 (DR-2), CR-70-2023, and CB-85-2024 constitute the legislative package regarding the requirement of the use of specified universal design standards, with the exception of exemptions and waivers granted, to apply to all new single-family attached, single-family detached, two-family, two-over-two's, three-family, and multifamily residential dwelling units constructed in Prince George's County on and after January 1, 2026. This is companion legislation to the zoning bill that removes the Universal Design Green Standard's Table from the Zoning Ordinance. This bill removes two definitions and makes technical amendments to the current universal design law regarding certain clearance requirements for identified universal design elements.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Dernoga and Oriadha.

#### SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

#### CB-047-2025

# Draft 1

#### AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUILDING CODE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S

<u>COUNTY</u> for the purpose of updating the provisions of the Building Code of Prince George's County (the "County") to conform to the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Existing Building Code, The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code The National Fire Protection Association Fire Code, The 2020 National Electrical Code, and the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

**Sponsor(s):** Watson and Ivey

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: B2025047

**CB-047-2025 Summary** 

CB-047-2025 Committee Report

CB-047-2025 PAFI

CB-047-2025 Transmittal

CB-047-2025 OOL Comment

Rana Hightower, Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the PHED Committee for CB-47-2025.

The Code Amendments to Subtitle 4 align with the 2021 editions of the International Code Council (ICC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes for the following:

- · International Building Code
- · International Energy Conservation Code
- · International Existing Building Code
- · International Mechanical Code
- · International Residential Code
- · International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- · National Fire Protection Code Association Life Safety Code
- · National Fire Protection Association Fire Code

2020 National Electrical Code

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Watson and Ivey.

#### 5. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)

CR-060-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WORLD CAR FREE DAY 2025 for the purpose of expressing Prince George's County's support for declaring September 22, 2025, as World Car Free Day in Prince George's County as part of an international effort to encourage individuals to use forms of sustainable

**Sponsor(s)**: Watson, Olson, Blegay, Burroughs, Oriadha, Dernoga and Hawkins

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025060

transportation rather than driving an automobile.

CR-060-2025 Summary
CR-060-2025 Report
CR-060-2025 Transmittal

Council Member Olson, Chair, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (TIEE) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the TIEE Committee for CR-060-2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey,

Burroughs and Oriadha

**Absent** Blegay and Adams-Stafford

#### **6. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

<u>CR-098-2025</u>

Draft 1

#### A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TEMPORARY PAUSE ON DATA CENTER

<u>DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS</u> for the purpose of adopting a temporary pause on processing, review and approval of building and grading permits for the construction of qualified data center uses or preliminary plans of subdivision which include qualified data centers among its proposed uses for a period of six months to allow the County sufficient time to consider and enact reasonable, thoughtful zoning and building requirements pertaining to data center developments to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Sponsor(s)**: Blegay, Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Watson, Dernoga and

Hawkins

*Attachment(s)*: R2025098

**CR-098-2025 Summary** 

CR-098-2025 OOL Comments

Rana Hightower, Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) and Eric Irving, Fiscal & Legislative Specialist, provided an overview of CR-098-2025 and proposed amendments. Council Members Blegay and Adams-Stafford provided comments as proposers. Council Member Ivey expressed support for the legislation during the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Resolution be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Burroughs,

Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Fisher, Harrison and Ivey

This resolution places a temporary pause on permits for the construction of data centers in Prince George's County as well as preliminary plans of subdivision which propose data centers in Prince George's County while the Council considers comprehensive legislation on the zoning, siting, and construction of new data centers. This temporary pause is established in response to the County's Qualified Data Center Task Force, which was formed to receive broad-based input on benefits and effects of constructing and operating data centers in the County and provide recommendations for comprehensive legislation. The Qualified Data Center Task Force is scheduled to submit its recommendations by November 30, 2025. In light of anticipated Code changes regarding the zoning and building of data centers,

this resolution pauses the acceptance, review and approval of building and grading permits for proposed data centers as well as preliminary plans of subdivision which propose qualified data centers among its proposed uses for the earlier of 180 days or the effective date of subsequently enacted data center legislation.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Watson, Dernoga and Hawkins.

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Burroughs,

Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Fisher, Harrison and Ivey

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Burroughs,

Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Fisher, Harrison and Ivey

## ADJ65-25

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#### **ADJOURN**

THIS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:20 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

**Aye** 9 - Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Watson, Ivey,

Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

**Absent** Blegay and Hawkins

#### 1:15 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)

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Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1),(7), and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, and to consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice; specifically, to discuss the Office of the County Auditor, and to be briefed by counsel as to and to discuss status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and the Supreme Court of Maryland, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council's position on pending litigation.

On 9/16/2025, a motion was made by Chair Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Watson, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 9, Adams-Stafford, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey, Oriadha, Olson and Watson

Date of Executive Session: September 16, 2025

Beginning Time: 1:35 p.m. Ending Time: 1:57 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Chair Burroughs, Vice Chair Oriadha, CM Adams-Stafford, CM Olson, CM Fisher, CM Watson, CM Ivey, CM Dernoga, CM Harrison

#### Others Present:

Colette Gresham, Karen Zavakos, Donna Brown, Rajesh Kumar, Josh Hamlin

#### Topics Discussed:

- 1) In order to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice on the following cases:
- 1. Cnty. Council of Prince George's Cnty. v. Robin Dale Land LLC, 491 Md. 105 (2025) 2009 Subregion 5 & 6 cases (remanded for public hearing).
- 2. 12405 Crain Holdings LLC, et al v. Prince Georges County Council, ACM-REG-1469-2023 CMA Cases (CR-136-2021) (supplemental briefing filed, decision pending).

2) In order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically to discuss the Office of the County Auditor.

*Vote Closing the Meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(7,8):* 9-0

A motion was made by Chair Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford Absent Blegay and Hawkins

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council