

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 9/16/2025 Effective Date: 9/16/2025

Reference No.: CR-098-2025 Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 1 Public Hearing Date:

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

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

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TEMPORARY PAUSE ON DATA CENTER

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS 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.

Drafter: Eric Irving

Resource Personnel: Ayana Crawford, Chief of Staff

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date: Acting Body: Action: Sent To:

09/16/2025 County Council amended

Action Text:

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: 3 Fisher, Harrison and Ivey

09/16/2025 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Oriadha,

Adams-Stafford, Watson, Dernoga and Hawkins.

09/16/2025 County Council rules suspended

Action Text:

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: 3 Fisher, Harrison and Ivey

09/16/2025 County Council adopted

Action Text:

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: 3 Fisher, Harrison and Ivey

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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.

Document(s): R2025098, CR-098-2025 Amendment #1, CR-098-2025 Proposed Draft 2 (illustrative), CR-098-2025 OOL Comments