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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-006-2026 Immigration Enforcement Guidance (Emergency Act)

CB-006-2026 (*Proposed by Councilmember Olson and Council Chair Oriadha*)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE for the purpose of limiting access to certain areas for immigration enforcement, subject to certain conditions; requiring the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities; requiring the development of signage templates for private use; and generally relating to County administration and immigration enforcement in the County.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Cost of development of signage at County properties.
Revenues: None.

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Indirect Impact:

Raise awareness of County-owned property being protected from warrantless civil immigration enforcement.

Legislative Summary:

CB-006-2026¹, proposed by Councilmember Olson and Council Chair Oriadha, was introduced on February 17, 2026, and referred to the Committee of the Whole. CB-006-2026 would prohibit the use of county-owned property and facilities from being used for civil immigration enforcement. Additionally, there is a requirement for the County Executive, in consultation with the Office of Law, to create and publish immigration enforcement guidance for County staff and contractors. A signage template will also be developed for private use and made available on the County's website.

Current Law/Background:

Under Laws of Maryland, Chapter 718 of 2025 (The Maryland Values Act)²: 1) public schools, public libraries, and certain units of the executive branch of State or local government that operate at a "sensitive location" to "deny access" to any portion of the sensitive location not accessible to the public to any individual who is seeking access "for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law" unless: (1) the individual presents a valid warrant issued by a federal; or 2) exigent circumstances exist.

The Maryland Values Act would also require the Office of the Attorney General to develop and publish guidance to inform the public and State agencies about certain topics related to immigration enforcement activities and sensitive locations³. Montgomery County is currently considering Bill 3-26 (The County Values Act)⁴ which would: 1) require the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities; 2) require County departments to adopt certain policies consistent with the Executive's guidance; 3) limit access to certain areas for immigration enforcement, subject to certain conditions; and 4) generally amend the laws regarding County administration and immigration enforcement in the County.

¹ [CB-006-2026 - Prince George's County Council](#)

² [Maryland General Assembly - HB1222 \(Maryland Values Act\)](#)

³ Under the Act, public schools, public libraries, and units of the executive branch of State or local government that operate at a sensitive location must implement policies consistent with the Attorney General's guidance by October 1, 2025

⁴ [Bill 3-26 - Administration - Immigration Enforcement Guidance - Required \(The County Values Act\)](#)

The proposed legislation will operate similarly to the legislation from the State and Montgomery County. Preventing the use of properties not owned by the County for civil immigration enforcement has been addressed in additional proposed legislation, CR-008-2026⁵. A recent Executive Order⁶ from the County Executive has also addressed concerns about the approval of use and occupancy permits for detention facilities.

Resource Personnel:

- Josh Hamlin, Legislative Attorney
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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CB-006-2026 aims to address any future civil immigration enforcement on County property. Additionally, the legislation would require signage to be created by the County Executive to make the public aware of areas protected from warrantless civil immigration enforcement. The provisions of the legislation would require that:

- County employees must deny federal agents access to non-public areas for immigration enforcement unless a valid judicial warrant is presented.
- County-owned property, including parking garages and vacant lots, may not be used by federal agencies for immigration surveillance, processing, or vehicle storage.
- The County Executive must develop and publish official protocols for all County staff and contractors regarding immigration enforcement interactions.
- The County is required to post clear signage at specific facilities declaring them protected from warrantless civil immigration enforcement.
- The County must create and distribute signage templates that private business owners can use to lawfully restrict enforcement on their property.
- County personnel who witness unauthorized immigration enforcement activity on County land are required to report it to their department director.
- Any County employee or contractor who violates the provisions of this Act or fails to report unauthorized activity is subject to disciplinary measures.

⁵ [CR-008-2026](#)

⁶ [Executive Order - No. 09-2026](#)

For years, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has required Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to refrain from immigration enforcement in certain areas⁷. On January 20, 2025, the Trump Administration⁸ rescinded a previous Biden Administration policy regarding the protection of sensitive locations,⁹ which reduced protections against immigration enforcement efforts in locations such as schools.

Fiscal Impact

Direct Impact

The adoption of CB-006-2026 should have an adverse fiscal impact due to signage being required to be developed by the County.

Indirect Impact

The adoption of CB-006-2026 will have the indirect impact of raising awareness of protection against warrantless civil immigration enforcement on County properties.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

Yes.

Effective Date of the Proposed Legislation

This proposed resolution shall take effect on the date of adoption.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please email or call me.

⁷ [Enforcement Actions at or Focused on Sensitive Locations](#)

⁸ [National Immigration Law Center - Rescission of Protected Areas](#)

⁹ Typically included areas such as schools, hospitals, and places of worship.