

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

Resolution No. CR-141-2025

Proposed by Council Member Ivey

Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Harrison, and Oriadha

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Universal Design for Housing – Implementation Date Extension

3 For the purpose of extending the implementation date for certain Prince George’s County Code
4 and The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George’s County, Maryland laws regarding the County’s
5 universal design for housing law; providing for a certain action regarding the Planning Board;
6 and generally regarding universal design for housing.

7 WHEREAS, universal design for housing is the design of buildings and related
8 environments so that they can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible
9 by all people regardless of their age, size, ability, or disability; and

10 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has enacted legislation regarding universal design for
11 housing through CB-65-2023, CB-85-2024, CB-35-2025 and CB-41-2025; and

12 WHEREAS, Sec. 4-357. - Universal Design: Application; Exemptions, as set forth in
13 Subtitle 4 - Building and Division 6 - Universal Design for Housing, provides: (a)With the
14 exception of exemptions and waivers granted, as set forth in this Division, this Division shall
15 apply to all new single-family attached, single-family detached, two-family, two-over-two's,
16 three-family, and multifamily residential dwelling units constructed in Prince George's County
17 on and after January 1, 2026, the “Implementation Date”; and

18 WHEREAS, Green Building Standards - Universal Design Section 27-61603(b) Universal
19 Design, The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, as universal design
20 implementation is required, absent an exemption or waiver, pursuant to Subtitle 4 - Building, and
21 Division 6. Universal Design for Housing, Prince George's County Code was repealed by CB-
22 41-2025, which repeal was effective as of the “Implementation Date” of January 1, 2026; and

1 WHEREAS, the “Implementation Date” for universal design for housing expressly applies
2 to Sections 4-356 through 4-367 of the Prince George’s County Code and Section 27-61603(b)
3 Universal Design of The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland; and

4 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board meets weekly to review
5 subdivisions, site plans, and other development applications and develop and make
6 recommendations to the County Council on land use policies to guide the growth and
7 development of the County; and

8 WHEREAS, the Planning Board currently lacks a quorum and is unable to meet at this
9 time; and

10 WHEREAS, the Planning Board’s inability to meet directly impacts development and
11 specifically, development regarding universal design for housing; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the “Implementation Date” from January 1, 2026 to
13 July 1, 2026; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 1017(c) of the Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland provides
15 that the word "resolution" shall mean a measure adopted by the Council having the force and
16 effect of law but of a temporary or administrative character.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
18 County, Maryland, that the “Implementation Date” for universal design for housing expressly
19 applying to Sections 4-356 through 4-367 of the Prince George’s County Code and Section 27-
20 61603(b) Universal Design of The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland shall
21 be extended from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council