

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

Resolution No. CR-066-2026
Proposed by Council Members Oriadha and Dernoga
Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Dernoga
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction June 29, 2026

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Temporary Moratorium on Hyperscale Data Center Operation

3 For the purpose of establishing a two (2) year moratorium on the operation of hyperscale
4 qualified data centers.

5 WHEREAS, hyperscale qualified data centers, designed to scale efficiently and support
6 massive data storage and processing needs, place very large demands on public infrastructure
7 such as energy and water facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, the development of hyperscale qualified data centers in Prince George's
9 County has been a matter of great concern for the residents of the County surrounding the
10 environmental, energy, and land use impacts of this use; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Council has heard these community concerns and desires a
12 comprehensive plan to govern the development of this industry within the County; and

13 WHEREAS, Qualified Data Center Task Force was established by CB-016-2025 to study
14 the community benefits and potential risks of data center development in Prince George's
15 County, as well as to recommend potential location and siting policies for data center uses; and

16 WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 42-2025 on September 12,
17 2025, which ordered temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit
18 applications for Qualified Data Centers until December 31, 2025; and

19 WHEREAS, with the adoption of CR-098-2025 on September 16, 2025, in support of
20 Executive Order No. 42-2025, the County Council established a temporary pause on the
21 processing, review, and approval of applications for preliminary plans of subdivision which
22 propose a qualified data center use until the earlier of one-hundred eighty (180) days from the

1 adoption of the resolution or the effective date of comprehensive legislation enacted by the
2 County Council to address the placement, construction, and operation of data center uses; and

3 WHEREAS, the Qualified Data Center Task Force issued its Final Report in November
4 2025, and briefed the County Council on the Report on January 27, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, the temporary pause established under CR-098-2025 expired on March 16,
6 2026; and

7 WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 1-2026 on January 23,
8 2026, to extend the temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications
9 for Qualified Data Centers established by Executive Order No. 42-2025 to April 30, 2026; and

10 WHEREAS, the County Executive intends to issue a new Executive Order further
11 extending the hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications for Qualified
12 Data Centers effective through September 30, 2026; and

13 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council agrees with the County Executive that
14 decisions on the location of qualified data centers within the County are too important to the
15 needs of County residents and the future development of that County to proceed without due
16 consideration of the likely consequences of these decisions; and

17 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council believes a continuation of the pause on
18 data center development is appropriate to gather community input, and to fully and meaningfully
19 consider the impacts on the health, safety and general welfare of the County’s residents and
20 businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, “qualified data center” has the meaning
22 prescribed under Part 27-5 of Subtitle 27 of the Code; and

23 WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, “hyperscale qualified data center” means a
24 qualified data center designed to support robust, scalable applications, typically exceeding
25 10,000 square feet in area and housing 5,000 or more servers; and

26 WHEREAS, Title 23 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes
27 the governing body of Prince George’s County to adopt regulations and amendments governing a
28 subdivision in the respective portion of the regional district in the County; and

29 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1017 of the County Charter, a resolution of the County
30 Council has the force and effect of law but of a temporary or administrative character.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's

1 County, Maryland, that for a period of two (2) years after the date of adoption of this resolution,
2 there is a temporary moratorium on the operation of hyperscale qualified data centers.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this temporary moratorium shall take effect immediately
4 upon adoption of this resolution.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council reserves the right to extend or
6 modify this temporary pause for such additional period(s) and upon such terms and conditions
7 as it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution are severable; and, in
9 the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word
10 of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
11 such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses,
12 sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Resolution, since the same
13 would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Resolution of any such invalid or
14 unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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