

**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 Data Centers

3 For the purpose of establishing a two (2) year moratorium on the acceptance, processing, review,  
4 and approval of applications concerning preliminary plans of subdivision and detailed site plans  
5 that include qualified data center uses.

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 42-2025 on September 12,  
15 2025, which ordered a temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit  
16 applications for Qualified Data Centers until December 31, 2025; and

17 WHEREAS, with the adoption of CR-098-2025 on September 16, 2025, in support of  
18 Executive Order No. 42-2025, the County Council established a temporary pause on the  
19 processing, review, and approval of applications for preliminary plans of subdivision which  
20 propose a qualified data center use until the earlier of one-hundred eighty (180) days from the  
21 adoption of the resolution or the effective date of comprehensive legislation enacted by the  
22 County Council to address the placement, construction, and operation of data center uses; and

1           WHEREAS, the Qualified Data Center Task Force issued its Final Report in November  
2 2025, and briefed the County Council on the Report on January 27, 2026; and

3           WHEREAS, the temporary pause established under CR-098-2025 expired on March 16,  
4 2026; and

5           WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 1-2026 on January 23,  
6 2026, to extend the temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications  
7 for Qualified Data Centers established by Executive Order No. 42-2025 to April 30, 2026; and

8           WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Executive Order No. 15-2026 on June 29, 2026,  
9 to further extend the temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit  
10 applications for Qualified Data Centers from June 30, 2026 to September 30, 2026; and

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

15           WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council believes a continuation of the pause on  
16 data center development, established under CR-098-2026 is appropriate to gather community  
17 input, and to fully and meaningfully consider the impacts on the health, safety and general  
18 welfare of the County’s residents and businesses; and

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

21           WHEREAS, Title 22 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes  
22 the Prince George’s County District Council to, by local law, adopt and amend the text of the  
23 zoning law and, by local law, adopt and amend any map accompanying the text of the zoning  
24 law for Prince George’s County; and

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

28           WHEREAS, Section 25-210 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
29 authorizes the Prince George’s County District Council to review a final decision of the county  
30 planning board to approve or disapprove a detailed site plan; and

31           WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 10 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of

1 Maryland, the County may pass any ordinance, resolution, or bylaw not inconsistent with State  
2 law that may aid in maintaining the peace, good government, health, and welfare of the county;  
3 and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
7 County, Maryland, that there is a temporary pause on the acceptance, processing, review, and  
8 approval of applications for preliminary plans of subdivision and detailed site plans that include  
9 a qualified data center use until the earlier of two (2) years after the date of adoption of this  
10 resolution or the effective date of comprehensive legislation enacted by the County Council to  
11 address the placement, construction, and operation of data center uses.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the temporary moratorium established by this  
13 resolution, the Director of the Prince George's County Planning Department shall not accept,  
14 process, review, or approve applications for preliminary plans of subdivision and applications for  
15 detailed site plans which propose a qualified data center use under the prior or current  
16 Subdivision Regulations or under the prior or current Zoning Ordinance.

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

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

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

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Krystal Oriadha  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council