COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Resolution No. CR-092-2025

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Adams-Stafford, Ivey, Fisher and Watson

Co-Sponsors Council Member Hawkins

Date of Introduction September 9, 2025

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Feasibility Study for a County-Owned Grocery Store Pilot Program

For the purpose of authorizing the development and completion of a six-month feasibility study to evaluate the potential for establishing a County-owned and operated grocery store in Prince George's County; assessing site selection, financial viability, operational models, and community impact; and ensuring the store operates on a cost-neutral basis to the County.

WHEREAS, Prince George's County is committed to addressing food insecurity and eliminating food deserts within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, several areas in the County lack equitable access to affordable, healthy, and culturally appropriate food options; and

WHEREAS, models in other jurisdictions such as Baldwin, Florida and Tulsa, Oklahoma have demonstrated that publicly supported or owned grocery stores can be viable tools for increasing food access in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to explore an innovative, community-centered solution to address food access without imposing long-term financial burdens on the County's general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that:

(A) Feasibility Study Authorization

The Council hereby authorizes the initiation of a six-month feasibility study led by the [Office of Central Services] <u>Redevelopment Authority</u> and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), in partnership with the Department of Housing and Community

Development (DHCD), the Prince George's County Food Equity Council, and relevant stakeholders.

(B) Scope of Study

(1) The study shall evaluate:

a. Viable locations using County-owned or easily acquired property; and

b. Capital and operational cost estimates; and

c. Funding sources (e.g., American Rescue Plan Act Grants and Community Development Block Grants); and

d. Ownership and management models (public, nonprofit, hybrid); and

e. Projected revenue and operational expenses; and

f. Strategies for maintaining a cost-neutral operation; and

g. Community needs, input, and equity impact.

(C) Reporting Requirement.

A comprehensive report shall be submitted to the County Council within six-months of the adoption of this Resolution. The report shall include recommendations on the viability of proceeding with a pilot grocery store, including financial models and implementation timelines.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council