



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 09-2026

February 19, 2026

Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement Moratorium On approval of Use and Occupancy Permits for Detention Facilities

WHEREAS, Prince George's County is home to a diverse and vibrant community of people representing many races, ethnicities, and national origins. Prince George's County is committed to protecting everyone's dignity and humanity and to being a county where members of our resident and visitor community feel welcome and safe when interacting with County employees and County services, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin.

WHEREAS, the County is committed to fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between County government and the immigrant community. This relationship promotes public health and safety for all residents of Prince George's County, such that residents can feel empowered to report crimes to County law enforcement officials and to use County services without fear of being reported to federal civil immigration enforcement officials.

WHEREAS, facilities and buildings have been constructed, purchased, and utilized across the nation for the purpose of facilitating civil immigration enforcement actions and detaining individuals in a manner that is inconsistent with, and undermines the spirit and purpose of, the Community Inclusiveness provisions of Subtitle 2, Division 46 of the County Code.

WHEREAS, the widespread use of buildings and facilities in the County for civil immigration detention would erode the trust between immigrant communities and the County, weakening the relationships that are essential to ensuring public safety.

WHEREAS, the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement has authority to issue use and occupancy permits for buildings located within the County, including detention center facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aisha N. Braveboy, County Executive for Prince George's County, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Charter of Prince George's County and the laws of the State of Maryland:

HEREBY ORDER: a temporary moratorium on accepting, considering, processing, or reviewing use and occupancy permits for detention facilities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement staff are directed to temporarily discontinue accepting, considering, processing, or reviewing any use and occupancy permit applications for detention facilities as determined by County staff. A detention facility is generally a secure facility that requires the occupants to be held under restraint or security on a temporary basis pending legal or administrative proceedings.

This Executive Order is issued this **19th day of February 2026** and is effective immediately and shall terminate on **September 30, 2026**, unless changed by further Executive Order.

Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive