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County Executive

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 1 - 2026

January 23, 2026

#### **In Support of Recommendations Forthcoming from the Qualified Data Centers Task Force, a Temporary Hold on Accepting, Considering, and Processing Permit Applications for Qualified Data Centers**

**WHEREAS**, a Resolution establishing a Qualified Data Centers Task Force to study the potential risks, community benefits, and revenue potential of Qualified Data Center uses in Prince George's County was adopted by the Prince George's County Council on April 15, 2025. *See* CR-016-2025.

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Data Centers Task Force was given a mandate to develop potential locations and procedural policies for the siting of Qualified Data Center uses.

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Data Centers Task Force was charged with addressing the following considerations with respect to Data Center Uses in Prince George's County: the impact of data centers on existing and future local energy demands and potential impacts to County ratepayers and taxpayers in meeting future energy demand; environmental impact of data centers on the air, water and woodland quality and supply in Prince George's County including recommended measures to mitigate negative impacts; impact on quality of life aspects of areas surrounding data centers such as views, capes, open and green spaces, accessibility and urban mobility, and social or recreational facilities.

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Data Centers Task Force began its work on May 14, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Data Centers Task Force was required to submit research, policy, and regulatory recommendations within a report to the Prince George's County Council on or before November 30, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Data Centers Task Force issued its final report in November, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, during the time the Qualified Data Centers Task Force was conducting its research and deliberations, a hold was placed on the acceptance, consideration, and processing of applications for Qualified Data Centers, in order to allow time for County agencies to make informed data center permitting decisions.

**WHEREAS**, a briefing will be conducted on January 27, 2026, before the County Council to discuss the Qualified Data Center Task Force final report and recommendations.

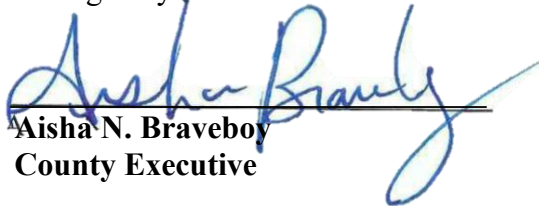
**WHEREAS**, the County Council will need additional time to review the report and

recommendations from the Qualified Data Center Task Force to determine the appropriate legislation to enact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Aisha N. Braveboy County Executive of 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**: an extension of the temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications for Qualified Data Centers from December 31, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement staff are directed to temporarily discontinue accepting, considering, processing, or reviewing any permit application for Qualified Data Centers as determined by County Staff.

This Executive Order is issued this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2026, and effective immediately, and shall terminate on April 30, 2026, unless changed by further Executive Order.

  
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