

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 42 – 2025

September 15, 2025

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 location 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 viewscapes, 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 and is still continuing its research and deliberations.

WHEREAS, the Qualified Data Centers Task Force is 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, during the time the Qualified Data Centers Task Force is conducting its research and deliberations, it would be prudent to place a hold 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.

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**: a temporary hold on accepting, considering, and processing permit applications for Qualified Data Centers.

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 <u>12^{1h}</u> day of <u>September 2025</u>, effective immediately, and shall terminate on <u>December 31, 2025</u>, unless changed by further Executive Ofder.

Aisha N. Braveboy

County Executive