County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 26-2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201(a) of the Howard County Code, declaring that a portion of a 20-foot Water Easement and a 20-foot Sewer Easement, comprising a total of approximately 0.2773 acres, is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the underlying property owner, the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to abandon such portion of the easement if he finds that such portion of the easement may have a further public use.

Introduced and read first time, 2017.	
	By order Jessica Feldmark, Administrator
Read for a second time at a public hearing on	_, 2017.
	By order Jessica Feldmark, Administrator
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council	
on, 2017.	
	Certified By
	Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT in SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

WHEREAS, by Deed of Easement dated June 25, 1971 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland (the "Land Records") in Liber 563, Folio 266, the County acquired a 20-foot Public Water Easement (containing approximately 0.2252 acres) and a 20foot Public Sewer Easement (containing approximately 0.0521 acres) (collectively the "Easements"); and

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WHEREAS, the Easements were acquired using funds from Capital Project No. 425-W&S; and

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WHEREAS, the Easements are located on property known as 3570 Court House Drive
and owned by the Howard County Housing Commission (the Housing Commission") by the
Deed from Ellicott Terrace, Inc. recorded among the Land Records at Liber 11702, folio 63 on
May 11, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, the Housing Commission has requested the County to terminate portions of the Easements accommodate the development of the property, and the Housing Commission has prepared the Plat entitled "Plat of Subdivision "Burgess Mill Station, Phase 2" Apartments, A Subdivision of T.M. 25, Parcel 120, Liber 11702, Folio 63" identifying the portions of the Easements to be abandoned and the portion of the Sewer Easement that shall remain, a copy of the plat is attached as <u>Exhibit A</u>; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has reviewed the request and determined that the portion of the Easements shown on Exhibit A containing a total of approximately 0.2773 acres is no longer required by the County; however, the portion of the Public Sewer Easement extending between Court House Drive and Fels Lane and identified as remaining is needed by the County; and

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WHEREAS, Section 4.201(a), "Disposition of real property", of the Howard County Code authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of County property, including an easement interest acquired by capital funds, upon the request of the County Executive and after a public hearing that has been duly
 advertised; and

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WHEREAS, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the abandonment of the portion of the Easements as shown on Exhibit A.

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, 9 Maryland, this _____ day of ______, 2017, that a 20-foot Public Water 10 Easement (containing approximately 0.2252 acres) and the portion of the 20-foot Sewer 11 Easement (containing approximately 0.0521 acres), as shown in the attached Exhibit A, is no 12 longer needed by the County for public purposes.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having received a request from the County Executive and having held a public hearing that was duly advertised, the County Council declares that the best interest of the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the abandonment of the portion of the Easements.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the County Executive finds that the Easement may have a further public use and that the portion of the Easements should not be abandoned, he is not bound to abandon the portion of the Easements in accordance with this Resolution.

Exhibit A



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