




Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony on Council Resolution No. 35 - 2017
Resolution for the Closure of Forest Avenue

To: Jessica Feldmark, Executive Secretary
County Council

From: James M. Irvin, Director 
Department of Public Works

Date: March 31, 2017

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposed legislation concerning the closing of an unimproved section of Forest Avenue. This portion of Forest Avenue was dedicated to the County by Council Resolution No. 143-2006. In accordance with Section 18.204(g) of the Howard County Code, the department is required to develop a report of the closing of Forest Avenue. The department's findings are as follows:

1. The Department of Planning and Zoning has no objection to the resolution.
2. The Department of Public Works has no objection to the resolution. However, an adjacent owner (Vincent Serio) contacted our office to object to this closure. He was instructed to attend the public hearing and provide testimony.
3. The Howard County Police Department did not provide comments.
4. The Department of Fire and Rescue Services has no objection to the resolution.
5. BGE did not provide comments.

In conclusion, the Department of Public Works concluded that there is no adverse impact on the traveling public if this roadway is closed.

There will be no fiscal impact to the County. The petitioner has requested that the road be surplus and conveyed to them.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me on Extension 4401.

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