



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. 109 - 2017 declaring that the County's interest for a use-in-common gravel driveway located across property adjacent to the County's Cooksville Highway shop is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; and authorizing the County Executive to terminate and convey its interest to the owner of the property; 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 terminate the interest if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

To: Lonnie R. Robbins,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: James M. Irvin, Director
Department of Public Works *(JMI)*

Date: June 26, 2017

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to declaring that an easement for the use-in-common with Howard County of a gravel driveway is no longer needed.

Howard County is the owner of certain real property located at 14212 Frederick Road, Woodbine, commonly known as the Cooksville Highway Shop, shown as Parcel 168 on Tax Map 8 (the "County Property").

A portion of the County property was conveyed to Woodmont Academy, Inc. and then subsequently conveyed by Woodmont Academy, Inc. to Woodmont Educational Foundation, Inc. (the "Woodmont Property").

The description in the property conveyed in the deed to Woodmont Educational Foundation Inc. references an easement for the use-in-common with Howard County of a gravel driveway passing through Tract C, as shown on a survey by Navarro & Wright dated August 28, 2002.

St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church has entered into a contract to purchase the Woodmont Property from Woodmont Educational Foundation, Inc., and has requested that the County's interest in the portion of the driveway crossing over the County Property be terminated. The driveway is not in use by the County.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed and approved the proposed termination of the easement across the County Property.

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There is no fiscal impact to the County for terminating the easement area.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

JMI/ks

cc: Jennifer Sager

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