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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 74-2017

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

AN ACT to repeal Council Bill 56-2016, which authorized and empowered the County to issue up to \$90,000,000 of special obligation bonds and levied and provided for the collection of a special tax on property known as the "Crescent Special Taxing District".

Introduced and read first time September 5, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on September 18, 2017.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on October 2, 2017 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2017 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2017

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

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.

1 **WHEREAS**, during the Council’s consideration of Council Bill 56-2016, the County
2 Administration provided testimony that public parking facilities would play a key role in
3 facilitating the “park once” environment envisioned for Downtown Columbia; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the public parking garage proposed as part of Council Bill 56-2016 represented the
5 majority of the cost of public improvements to be financed with the bonds authorized by
6 that legislation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Council has learned that, as a result of unresolved issues between the County
8 and the Developer regarding the ultimate operation and maintenance of the proposed TIF
9 garage, the County Executive has made the final determination that TIF financing will
10 not be used for the construction of a public parking garage as proposed in Council Bill
11 56-2016; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this decision raises numerous questions about the financial data presented to the
13 Council during its consideration of Council Bill 56-2016 and significantly alters the
14 potential public benefit to be realized through the proposed investment of public funds;

15 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

16 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Council Bill*
17 *56-2016 is repealed.*

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19 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*
20 *this Act shall become effective on the date of its enactment.*

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 74-2017

BY: Jennifer Terrasa

Legislative Day No. 13

Date: October 2, 2017

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment restricts and clarifies the kinds of improvements that may be financed by bonds authorized under Council Bill 56-2016.)

1 On the title page, strike the purpose paragraph and substitute:

2 “AN ACT amending Council Bill 56-2016 to restrict and clarify the kinds of
3 improvements that may be financed by bonds authorized under that Bill”.

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5 On page 1, strike lines 16 and 17 in their entirety and substitute:

6 “Section 1. Be It enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,
7 that Exhibit A attached to Council Bill 56-2016 is amended as follows:

8 (A) In the introductory language, delete “include but are not limited to” and after
9 “improvements” insert “do not include developer fees; improvements required by the
10 Downtown Columbia Plan; the roads inside the perimeter formed by Broken Land
11 Parkway, Little Patuxent Parkway, Merriweather Drive, and Hickory Ridge Road
12 Extended; the roads inside the perimeter formed by Broken Land Parkway, Hickory
13 Ridge Road Extended, Merriweather Drive, Symphony Drive/ North-South
14 Connector, and ramps for U. S. Route 29; and any improvements built before
15 November 14, 2016, and only include the following public improvements”;

16 (B) In item 1 after “garage” insert “in which all parking spaces are available to the
17 public without charge at all times and that is situated to be convenient for use by
18 patrons of any nearby performance or cultural arts center; and

19 (C) In item 3, delete beginning with “including” down through “Ridge”
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ADOPTED _____
FAILED not introduced
SIGNATURE Jessica Feldman

1 Section 2. Be It Further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that any
2 changes to the kinds of public improvements listed in Exhibit A shall require approval by the
3 County Council.”
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5 Also on page 1, in line 19, strike “Section 2” and substitute “Section 3”.