

Subject: <u>Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement</u>

Council Resolution No.____- 2018 declaring that a total of approximately 1,312 square feet of real property with the reservation for an underground stormwater management facility in Ellicott City is no longer needed for a public purpose, and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the County's property interest to the adjacent owner.

To:

Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

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

Date: June 29, 2018

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to declaring that approximately 1,312 square feet is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes.

The County is the owner of certain real property which was acquired by a deed dated June 10, 1947, and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland (the "Land Records") in Liber 198, folio 264, which is a part of the largest public parking lot for historic Ellicott City (the "Parking Lot"). The adjacent parking lot is identified as Parcel 126, on Tax Map 25A (the "Adjacent Parcel").

River House Pizza, Co. LLC ("River House") is utilizing a portion of the Parking Lot, described in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B (the "Unpaved Area"), for its operation and restaurant. The Unpaved Area will continue to be used in the operation of the River House pizza restaurant in historic Ellicott City, and the County will retain the right to utilize the Unpaved Area for an Underground Stormwater Management Facility.

Section 4.201, "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 also authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of real property upon the request of the County Executive.

The County Council has received a request from the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the conveyance of the Unpaved Area of the Parking Lot, to the owner of the Adjacent Parcel.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any

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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.

cc: Jennifer Sager File