

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

Council Resolution No. 12- 2020, a Resolution pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of land containing 1.56 acres owned by Howard County is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey, at no cost, fee simple title to the Property to the State of Maryland; 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 convey the Property if he finds that the County may have a use for the Property.

To: Lonnie R. Robbins,

Chief Administrative Officer

From: James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date: January 17, 2020

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to declaring that approximately 1.56 acres of real property owned by Howard County is no longer needed for public purposes and authorizing County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey, at no cost, fee simple title to the Property to the State of Maryland; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the Property if he finds that the County may have a use for the Property.

The County is the owner of the 1.56 acres of land shown as "Howard County, Maryland 11054" on the State of Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration State Roads Commission's (the "State") Plat Number 61242, a copy of which is attached to CR12 as Exhibit A (the "Property"). The Property was acquired by the County by deed dated April 8, 2010 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 12502, folio 325 for the construction of a fire station.

The State needs the Property in order to provide the stormwater management facilities for U.S. Route 1.

The State conveyed a different site to the County for the future Waterloo fire station, at no cost to the County, and the County has determined that the Property is no longer needed by the County for public purposes.

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.

cc: Jennifer Sager

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