

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 139-2020

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale, for nominal consideration, of a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer owned by Howard County to the Maryland State Police, Forensic Sciences Division.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2020.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2020.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council on _____, 2020.

Certified By _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

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**, Section 4.129 of the Howard County Code authorizes the County
2 Purchasing Agent, with the approval of the County Executive and the County Council, to
3 sell or lease surplus supplies to the State or any political subdivision or agency of the
4 State, or to the Federal Government upon such terms and conditions as the County
5 Purchasing Agent deems proper, and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Howard County, Maryland, on behalf of the Department of Police,
8 acquired a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer from the Health Department, valued
9 at \$163,000; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer is a piece of specialized
12 forensic equipment used to detect the presence and identity of substances; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Police no longer have staff within the
15 Department who can operate the Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the County wishes to sell, for nominal consideration, the Gas
18 Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer to the Maryland State Police (“MSP”), Forensic
19 Sciences Division, so the equipment will remain available for processing Howard County
20 cases within the MSP lab; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, selling the Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer to the MSP not
23 only allows it to remain available for Howard County cases but it also transfers the
24 responsibility for the equipment’s annual maintenance fee in the amount of \$14,500 to
25 the MSP; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has approved the sale, for nominal
28 consideration, of the Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer to the MSP upon such
29 terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems proper.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard
2 County, Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2020 that it approves the sale, for
3 nominal consideration, of the Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer to the Maryland
4 State Police, Forensic Sciences Division, upon such terms and conditions as the County
5 Purchasing Agent deems proper.