




Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. -2021 declaring that it is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Howard County to accept the dedication of a Right of Way for Rose Lane as shown on the plat titled "Nordau Subdivision" and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County at plat book 3, page 51.

To: Lonnie R. Robbins,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Thomas J. Meunier, Director
Department of Public Works 

Date: August 26, 2021

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to declaring that it is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Howard County to accept the dedication of a Right of Way for Rose Lane as shown on the plat titled "Nordau Subdivision" and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County at Plat Book 3, Page 51.

In 1949, the subdivision plat titled "Nordau Subdivision" was recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland, in plat book 3, page 51. The plat delineated various roads and lanes to allow ingress and egress for property owners to access the lots depicted on the plat. The plat included a note of dedication of the roads that stated: "All roads shown on this plat are intended for dedication to public use".

The developer of the plat, The Laurel Lumber Co., did not install Rose Lane as a part of the construction of the subdivision. A review of the County records and Land Records indicates that the roadbed for Rose Lane was never deeded to the County by the developer or the developer's successors in interest. The Bureau of Highways indicates that the County has been maintaining and improving Rose Lane as a Right of Way, i.e. snow removal, paving, public utility installation, etc., for more than 50 years. The continued maintenance of Rose Lane by the County demonstrates an implied acceptance of the offer of dedication of the roads as noted on the plat.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the implied acceptance of Rose Lane and finds that it is in the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Howard County to expressly accept the offer of dedication of Rose Lane, laid out as forty (40) feet in width, and 1,682.55 feet in length, as shown on the plat "Nordau Subdivision". The express acceptance will allow the County to continue to install, maintain, and repair, paving and public utilities in the Right of Way of Rose Lane.

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Lonnie R. Robbins
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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.

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cc: Jennifer Sager
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