## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

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Legislative Day No. \_\_\_\_

Resolution No. 165 -2021

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

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that portions of a Sewer and Utility Easement, containing approximately 1,189 square feet is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the easement interest in the property to the fee simple owner, PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interests to PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B LLC; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

Introduced and read first time $Nav $ , 2021.	By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator
Read for a second time at a public hearing on $100015$	_, 2021. By order
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with an on Dec Le , 2021.	

Certified By Michelle Harrod, 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; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment

WHEREAS, as part of Capital Project SP-6021- Contract 609S-27, the County acquired
a right of way for a sewer main (the "Sewer and Utility Easement") by (1) Deed and Agreement
dated December 11, 1975 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland
in Liber 753, folio 272, on January 23, 1976, and by (2) Deed and Agreement dated December
11, 1975 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 753, folio
276, on January 23, 1976, on that certain real property commonly known as 9235 Berger Road,
Columbia Maryland 21046; and

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WHEREAS, PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B LLC is the fee simple owner (the "Owner") of
that certain real property commonly known as 9225, 9235, 9245, and 9255 Berger Road,
Columbia, Maryland and shown as Parcels A-3, A-4, A-5 and A-6 on Tax Map 42 (collectively,
the "Property"); and

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WHEREAS, the Owner has requested that the County release a portion containing 1,189
square feet of the Sewer and Utility Easement, as described and shown as "Ex. 20' Public Sewer
& Utility Easement To Be Abandoned By This Plat 1,189 SF or 0.02729" (the "Easement to be
Abandoned") on the attached revision plat titled "Resubdivision Plat, Connell Property, Parcels
A-3, A-4, &A-7, a Resubdivision of Parcels A-5 & A-6 as Shown on a Plat Entitled "Connell
Property ParcelsA-3, A-4, A-5 &A-6" and Recorded as Plat no. 23858" (the "Plat"); and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the plans submitted by the Owner: (i) SDP-20-077
titled "Site Development Plan, ezStorage Columbia Expansion, 9225, 9235, 9245, 9255, 9265
Berger Road, 6th Election District, Howard County, Maryland", and (ii) Contract No. 20-5148-D
titled "Final Sewer Construction Plan, ezStorage Columbia Expansion, Berger Road, 6<sup>th</sup> Election
District, Howard County, Maryland, Contract No. 20-5148-D" (collectively, the "Plans"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Plans, the Owner shall modify the existing sewer
main and construct a new 8-inch sewer main on the Property within the easement area dedicated
to the County described and shown as "20' Public Sewer & Utility Easement" on the Plat; and

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1	WHEREAS, on the Plat is an easement described and shown as "Ex. 20' Drainage &
2	Utility Easement Plat No. 8806 to be abandoned by this Plat" containing 4,829 square feet which
3	may be abandoned pursuant to Section 4.201(d) of the County Code; and
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5	WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Easement to be Abandoned is no longer
6	required for public purposes; and
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8	WHEREAS, Section 4.201 "Disposition of real property" of the Howard County Code
9	authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and
10	also authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual
11	conveyance of real property upon the request of the County Executive; and
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13	WHEREAS, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to
14	waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the conveyance of the Easement
15	to be Abandoned to the Owner.
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17	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
18	Maryland, this $\underline{b}_{c}$ day of $\underline{b}_{c}$ , 2021, that the Easement to be Abandoned, a
19	portion containing 1,189 square feet of a Sewer and Utility Easement, shown as "Ex. 20' Public
20	Sewer & Utility Easement to be Abandoned by this Plat 1,189 sf or 0.02729" on the attached Plat,
21	is no longer needed by the County for public purposes and may be conveyed to PS Atlantic Coast
22	2021 B LLC.
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24	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having received a request from the County
25	Executive and having held a public hearing, the County Council declares that the best interest of
26	the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and
27	bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the conveyance of the

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28 Easements to be Abandoned to PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B LLC.

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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the County Executive finds that the Easement to 2 be Abandoned should not be terminated, he is not bound to terminate the County's easement 3 interests in accordance with this Resolution.

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# Office of the County Auditor Auditor's Analysis

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Introduced: November 1, 2021 Auditor: Melanie A. Bishop

#### Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation. The property owner will be removing existing public sewer infrastructure in the associated easement and relocating it at their own cost.

The cost to the County of maintaining the associated public sewer infrastructure is expected to be neutral, as there will be no change to the County's maintenance responsibilities for this infrastructure before and after its relocation.

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to declare that portions of a public sewer easement are no longer needed by the County for public purposes. The public sewer infrastructure in the easement to be abandoned is expected to be removed and relocated to an existing or new County sewer easement.

#### Other Comments:

The Real Estate Services Division provided the following information related to this legislation:

- This easement was originally acquired in 1976 for a total of \$122.
- The easement being abandoned affects one parcel owned by one entity, PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B, LLC.