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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2009 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 7\_-2009

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

AN ACT to authorize and empower Howard County, Maryland, to borrow up to \$2,180,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of Capital Project No. N-3960 (Robinson Property Nature Center) and costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Introduced and read first time, 2009. Ordered posted and	By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill havin time at a public hearing on February, 2009.	g been published according to Charter, this Bill was read for a second
•	By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
This Hill was read the third time on Mavel 2009 and Passed Passed Passed	sed with amendments, Failed
	By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
Scaled with the County Scal and presented to the County Executive for appro	val this day of 100 2009 at 12 a ph/p.m.
	By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
Approved by the County Executive Mer 5, 2009.	22
	Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Recitals

In the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal 2009, the County Council of Howard

County, Maryland (the "Council") adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 (the

"Capital Budget") and appropriated, as part of the Capital Budget, certain sums for Capital Projects Nos. N
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On the date of final consideration hereof, but prior hereto, the Council has passed Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance No. 2 – Fiscal 2009 (the "TAO"), which will, among other things, transfer \$2,180,000 in bond funding from the Transferor Projects to Project No. N-3960 (Robinson Property Nature Center), a project to design and construct a nature center and related site improvements to the former Robinson property located at Cedar Lane and Harriet Tubman Lane (the "Project"), and the TAO is intended to be presented to the County Executive for approval prior hereto.

As a part of the Capital Budget, as modified by the transfer of appropriation referred to hereinabove, it is necessary that Howard County, Maryland borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,180,000, the proceeds thereof to be used to pay a portion of the costs of the Project and costs of issuance of any obligations issued to evidence such borrowing.

Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Charter of Howard County:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That Howard County, Maryland (the "County"), is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, at one time or from time to time, an amount not exceeding \$2,180,000, the proceeds thereof to be used for the payment of a portion of the costs of the Project; including, without limitation, the cost of planning, design, construction, reconstruction, furnishing, equipping, improvements, renovations, remodeling, enlargements, engineering services, architects services, surveys, landscaping, site development, evaluation studies, land acquisition and related items, appurtenances and incidental activities.

Proceeds of any bonds authorized by this Act may also be used to pay costs of issuance of such bonds.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That, pursuant to and in accordance with Article 31, Section 12 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, the County is also authorized to issue bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds authorized by this Act and described in Section 1 hereof, and all references to "bonds" or "obligations" in this Act shall include such bond anticipation notes, unless the context clearly requires a contrary meaning. It is intended that the aggregate principal amount of issued and outstanding bond anticipation notes, when added to the aggregate principal amount of issued and outstanding bonds in anticipation of which such notes were issued, shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount set forth in Section 1 of this Act at any time. The County will agree in each ordinance described in Section 4 of this Act relating to any notes issued pursuant to this Act to pay such notes and the interest and premium, if any, thereon from the proceeds of the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which such notes are issued, and the County will agree to issue such bonds when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring their issuance no longer exists.

Section 3. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That, in connection with the acquisition of real property as part of the Project, the County may incur all or any portion of the indebtedness authorized by this Act for such acquisition by entering into an installment purchase agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 4.201A of the Howard County Code ("Section 4.201A") or any successor provisions of law in lieu of issuing bonds for such acquisition. The principal amount of any such installment purchase agreement shall not exceed the lesser of (a) the maximum principal amount permitted by Section 4.201A or (b) the portion of the amount to be borrowed for the Project (as set forth in Section 1 hereof) which relates to such acquisition. All references to "bonds" or "obligations" in this Act shall include such installment purchase agreements, unless the context clearly requires a contrary meaning.

Section 4. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,
That the County Council, by an ordinance or ordinances adopted from time to time in accordance with
Article VI of the Charter of Howard County and other applicable provisions of law, shall provide for (a) the
issuance and sale of, (b) the maximum principal amount, designation, form, tenor and denomination or
denominations of, (c) the dates of the first maturity (not more than two years after the date of issue) and the
last maturity (not more than 25 years after the date of issue) of, and (d) the interest rate or rates per annum
(or the method of determining such rate or rates) payable on, any bonds or other obligations issued from
time to time under this Act; and may by any such ordinance, or by separate resolution, provide that the issue
of bonds or other obligations hereby authorized be consolidated with one or more other issues.

Section 5. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on such bonds or other obligations as the same shall become payable, the County Council shall levy annually ad valorem taxes upon the assessable property in Howard County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds or other obligations until all of such bonds or other obligations shall mature and be redeemed.

Section 6. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That any bonds or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act are specifically exempt from the provisions of Article 31, Sections 10 and 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and any successor provision of law.

Section 7. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That all bonds or other obligations authorized hereby shall be issued within four years from the date this Act becomes effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if bond anticipation notes are issued within such period in accordance with Section 2 hereof and such notes have a stated maturity date after such expiration date, the bonds authorized hereby may be issued until the stated maturity date of such notes.

Section 8. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,
That the County anticipates that a portion of the costs of the Project may be paid prior to the issuance of the
bonds or other obligations authorized hereby. The amount of such costs so paid will depend on various

- 1 factors, including, without limitation, the timing and speed of progress on the Project, the availability of
- 2 other funds to pay such costs on an interim basis, bond and money market conditions and compliance with
- 3 federal and State laws and regulations.
- 4 Accordingly, the County reasonably expects to reimburse costs of the Project (as described herein)
- 5 with proceeds of the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby, such bonds or other obligations to be
- 6 issued by the County in the maximum principal amount of \$2,180,000.
- 7 Section 9. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,
- 8 That this Act shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its enactment.

## BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council
BY THE COUNCIL
This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on, 2009.
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council
BY THE COUNCIL
This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on, 2009.
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council
BY THE COUNCIL
This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on, 2009.
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council
BY THE COUNCIL
This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on, 2009.
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council
BY THE COUNCIL
This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on, 2009.
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council