

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. 8-14

Introduced by Mr. Grasso, Chairman (by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, February 18, 2014

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By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: the issuance, sale and delivery of special obligation refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,258,000 to be secured by taxes levied on the tax increment on property in the Route 100 Development District, special taxes on property in the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District and a guaranty agreement provided by Anne Arundel County, Maryland to refund or otherwise retire all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Anne Arundel County, Maryland Special Obligation Refunding Bonds (Arundel Mills Project), Series 2004 and determining certain terms and provisions in connection with the issuance, sale and payment of such bonds.

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FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery by Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the "County") of special obligation refunding bonds pursuant to Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume) (the "Refunding Act"), Sections 12-201 through 12-213 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Volume and 2013 Supplement) (the "Tax Increment Act"), and Subtitle 5 of Title 21 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume) and Sections 4-8-101 through 4-8-106 of the Anne Arundel County Code, as amended (together, the "Special Taxing District Act") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,258,000 to refund or otherwise retire all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Anne Arundel County, Maryland Special Obligation Refunding Bonds (Arundel Mills Project), Series 2004 dated as of May 11, 2004 (the "2004 Bonds") in order to achieve debt service savings for the County in each year on a direct comparison basis or present value basis; providing that special obligation refunding bonds may be issued from time to time; providing for the payment of costs and expenses related to the issuance of the special obligation

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refunding bonds; making certain findings and determinations, among others, that a debt service reserve fund is not required as result of the County providing a guaranty agreement securing such special obligation bonds and concerning the public benefit and purpose of such special obligation refunding bonds; providing that such special obligation refunding bonds shall be payable, first, from the amounts levied on the tax increment on property in the Route 100 Development District and deposited in the Route 100 Development District Tax Increment Fund (the "Development District Special Fund") created pursuant to Resolution No. 29-98 passed by the County Council of the County (the "County Council") on August 3, 1998 and approved by the County Executive of the County (the "County Executive") on August 10, 1998, and, second, to the extent the Development District Special Fund does not contain money in an amount sufficient for payment of debt service on such special obligation refunding bonds and to the extent amounts are required for deposit in funds and accounts created within the indenture providing for the issuance of such bonds to replenish deficiencies therein, from the special tax to be levied on the property in the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District and deposited in the Special Tax Fund created pursuant to Bill No. 63-98, passed by the County Council on August 3, 1998, approved by the County Executive and enacted on August 10, 1998, as amended by Bill No. 101-98, passed by the County Council on October 19, 1998, approved by the County Executive and enacted on October 24, 1998 and from other funds pursuant to the provisions of such indenture; providing that such special obligation refunding bonds shall further be secured by a guaranty agreement provided by the County that obligates the County to timely pay the principal of and interest on the special obligation refunding bonds; pledging the full faith and credit of the County, subject to the limitation on the tax levy set out in Section 710(d) of the County Charter, to make payments under the guaranty agreement in the event that sufficient funds for the timely payment of principal of and interest on the special obligation refunding bonds when due are not available from the Development District Special Fund and the Special Tax Fund or otherwise; covenanting that, in each tax year during which any such payments of principal of or interest on the special obligation refunding bonds are required to be paid under the guaranty agreement, the County will appropriate sufficient funds in the Current Expense Budget to pay such principal and interest due in such tax year, and further covenanting that, to the extent any such appropriation is not offset by funds from other sources or revenues, the County will, subject to the limitation on the tax levy set out in Section 710(d) of the County Charter, fund any such appropriation by the levy of ad valorem taxes on real estate, tangible personal property and intangible personal property subject to taxation by the County, and in addition, on such other intangible property as may be subject to taxation by the County within limitations prescribed by law; providing that the special obligation refunding bonds may be sold at private (negotiated) sale; providing that the County Executive may determine the terms and conditions for redemption and retirement of the 2004 Bonds; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve certain details, forms, documents and procedures in connection with such special obligation refunding bonds and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and payment of such special obligation refunding bonds and such other documents as may be necessary and desirable to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of such special obligation refunding bonds; and generally providing for, and determining various

matters in connection with, the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of such special obligation refunding bonds.

RECITALS

Resolution No. 29-98 passed by the County Council (the "County Council") of Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the "County") on August 3, 1998 and approved by the County Executive of the County (the "County Executive") on August 10, 1998 (the "Development District Resolution" or "Resolution 29-98") created the Route 100 Development District and the special fund known as the "Route 100 Development District Tax Increment Fund" (the "Development District Special Fund").

Bill No. 63-98, which was passed by the County Council on August 3, 1998, approved by the County Executive and enacted August 10, 1998, as amended by Bill No. 101-98 of the County Council passed on October 19, 1998, approved by the County Executive and enacted on October 24, 1998 ("Bill No. 63-98," and together with Resolution 29-98, the "1998 Ordinance"), established the Arundel Mills District Special Fund (the "Special Tax Fund") and authorized the levy and imposition of a special tax to be known as the "Arundel Mills District Special Tax" upon all real and personal property within the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District (the "Special Taxing District") in the manner and through the application of the Rate and Method of Apportionment of Arundel Mills Special Tax (the "Rate and Method"), attached as Exhibit C to Bill No. 63-98 and made apart thereof. The Route 100 Development District and the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District (collectively, the "District") are geographically coincident.

The County issued its \$28,000,000 Anne Arundel County, Maryland Special Obligation Bonds (Arundel Mills Project), Series 1999 dated as of December 1, 1999 (the "1999 Bonds") pursuant to (i) Sections 12-201 through 12-213, inclusive, of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (formerly codified as Sections 14-201 through 14-214 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) (the "Tax Increment Act"), (ii) Subtitle 5 of Title 21 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (formerly codified as Article 24, Section 9-1301 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) (the "State Special Taxing District Act"), (iii) Sections 4-8-101 through 4-8-106 of the Anne Arundel County Code, as amended (formerly Article 6, Sections 4A-101 through 4A-106 of Title 4A of the Anne Arundel County Code) (the "County Special Taxing District Act" and together with the State Special Taxing District Act, the "Special Taxing District Act"), (iv) the 1998 Ordinance, and (v) the Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 1999, by and between the County and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the successor to Allfirst Trust Company National Association), as trustee.

The 1999 Bonds were used to finance a portion of the costs of certain infrastructure improvements relating to the District, including construction of a new interchange along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, provision of additional traffic lanes between Maryland Route 100 and Maryland Route 175, the addition of a left-turn lane from Ridge Road to Maryland Route 100, the widening of the Maryland Route 100 on-ramp, the extension of the Ridge Road acceleration lane, the construction of Arundel Mills

Boulevard, the relocation of Ridge Road, the widening of Dorsey Road and water, sewer and other utilities.

The County issued its \$30,350,000 Anne Arundel County, Maryland Special Obligation Refunding Bonds (Arundel Mills Project), Series 2004 dated as of May 11, 2004 (the "2004 Bonds") pursuant to (i) the Tax Increment Act, (ii) Special Taxing District Act, (iii) Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (formerly codified as Section 24 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) (the "Refunding Act"), (iv) the 1998 Ordinance, (v) Bill No. 8-04, which was passed by the County Council on March 15, 2004 and approved by the County Executive and enacted March 18, 2004 (the "2004 Ordinance"), and (vi) the Indenture of Trust dated as of May 1, 2004, by and between the County and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "2004 Indenture"), in order to refund or otherwise retire all or a portion of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 1999 Bonds to achieve savings on a direct comparison basis.

The 2004 Bonds are secured by the proceeds of tax collections arising from the taxation of the increase, if any, in the appraised value of real property located in the District since January 1, 1997 and, to the extent the revenues from the tax increment are insufficient, from the Arundel Mills District Special Tax to be levied on the taxable parcels within the District. The 2004 Bonds were further secured by a guaranty agreement provided by the County that obligates the County to timely pay the principal of and interest on the 2004 Bonds.

The County has determined that refunding or otherwise retiring all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the 2004 Bonds in the manner provided for in this Ordinance will realize debt service savings for the County. The County has therefore determined to authorize the issuance of special obligation refunding bonds the proceeds of which will be used to refund or otherwise retire all or a portion of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2004 Bonds to achieve savings on a direct comparison basis. The County also has determined to provide for repayment of such special obligation refunding bonds from the proceeds of tax collections arising from the taxation of the increase, if any, in the appraised value of real property located in the District since January 1, 1997 and, to the extent the revenues from the tax increment are insufficient, from the Arundel Mills District Special Tax to be levied on the taxable parcels within the District. In addition, the County has determined to further secure repayment by providing a County guarantee of repayment of the principal of and interest on the special obligation refunding bonds, as further provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That:

(1) Defined terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings given such words in the Recitals set forth above or otherwise, unless the context clearly requires a contrary meaning.

In addition, the following words shall have the meanings specified:

 A. "Assessable Base" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12-201(c) of the Tax Increment Act.

B. "Assessment Ratio" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12-201(d) of the Tax Increment Act.

C. "Bonds" means the 2004 Bonds and the Refunding Bonds.

D. "Original Taxable Value" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12-201(1) of the Tax Increment Act;

E. "Principal Amount" means the bona fide offering price of the Refunding Bonds to the public;

F. "Refunding Act" shall mean Section 19-207 of Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (2013 Replacement Volume);

G. "Refunding Bonds" shall mean the special obligation refunding bonds authorized in Section 2 of this Ordinance;

H. "Tax Increment" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12-201(n) of the Tax Increment Act and means for any Tax Year the amount by which the Assessable Base as of January 1 preceding that Tax Year exceeds the Original Taxable Value divided by the Assessment Ratio used to determine the Original Taxable Value; and

I. "Tax Year" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12-201(o) of the Tax Increment Act.

The Tax Increment shall be determined and the proceeds of the levy on the Tax Increment shall be applied to the payment of the Refunding Bonds in accordance with the Tax Increment Act as in effect on the date of enactment of this Ordinance. The provisions of this Ordinance shall govern in the event of any inconsistency between this Ordinance and any previously adopted or enacted resolution or ordinance.

(2) Acting pursuant to the Refunding Act, the Tax Increment Act and the Special Taxing District Act, it is hereby found and determined that the issuance of Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refunding or otherwise retiring all or a portion of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2004 Bonds to realize debt service savings on a direct comparison basis accomplishes the public purposes of the Refunding Act and is in furtherance of the purposes of the Tax Increment Act and the Special Taxing District Act. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the issuance of Refunding Bonds shall be deemed to realize debt service savings on a direct comparison basis when the debt service in each Tax Year for the Refunding Bonds together with the debt service on any 2004 Bonds not refunded, defeased or otherwise retired in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds is, in the aggregate, less than or equal to the debt service on the 2004 Bonds in each Tax Year determined immediately before the issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

 (3) Each contract of sale for real property located in the Special Taxing District and each property tax bill for property in the Special Taxing District shall comply with the provisions of the County Special Taxing District Act, Section 4-8-104 "Disclosure to Buyers".

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(4) Based on certifications provided to the County Council regarding customary municipal market requirements for a financing of this nature involving the guaranty agreement provided by the County in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the County Council determines that a debt service reserve fund is not required or advisable in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and that the requirement of the Special Taxing District Act that an adequate debt service reserve be maintained is satisfied by virtue of the guaranty agreement being provided as additional security for the Refunding Bonds pursuant to this Ordinance.

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(5) The Arundel Mills District Special Tax shall not accelerate by reason of a default on the Bonds.

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(6) No increase in the amount of the Arundel Mills District Special Tax levied shall result in a levy that exceeds the maximum special tax applicable to any individual property in the Special Taxing District if any other property owner becomes delinquent in the payment of its special tax securing the Bonds.

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(7) The Rate and Method defines "bonds" as any bonds or other debt, including refunding bonds, whether in one or more series, issued by the County relating to the District pursuant to the Special Taxing District Act and the Tax Increment Act. The Rate and Method is hereby confirmed, ratified, adopted and incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance and the applicability of the Rate and Method to the Refunding Bonds is hereby confirmed. It is hereby acknowledged and confirmed that there is levied and imposed a special tax to be known as the "Arundel Mills District Special Tax" upon all real and personal property within the Special Taxing District, unless exempted by law or by the provisions of Bill No. 63-98, the 2004 Ordinance or this Ordinance, for the purposes, to the extent and in the manner provided in the Rate and Method. As set forth in the Rate and Method, no special tax shall be levied to pay debt service on the Bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, unless the Development District Special Fund does not contain money in an amount sufficient to pay such debt service on the Bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, Further, the Arundel Mills District Special Tax originally levied and imposed by Bill No. 63-98 and confirmed, ratified and adopted by this Ordinance in the Special Taxing District took effect and shall be in force for the Tax Year beginning July 1, 1999 and each Tax Year thereafter through and including June 30, 2029, provided that such Special Tax shall terminate when no "bonds" as defined in the Rate and Method, including the 2004 Bonds and the Refunding Bonds, are outstanding which, for purposes of this Ordinance as it relates to the 2004 Bonds and the Refunding Bonds, shall mean the Bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, have been fully repaid or defeased pursuant to the terms of the indenture under which they are issued with bonds that are not secured by the Arundel Mills District Special Tax. The Arundel Mills District Special Tax shall be levied in an amount sufficient to also pay County expenses, which, for purposes of this paragraph, shall include the fees and expenses of any fiscal agent or trustee employed by the County; the expenses of the County in

carrying out its duties under an indenture under which the Bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, have been or will be issued, including, but not limited to, levying and collecting the Arundel Mills District Special Tax and complying with arbitrage rebate requirements and obligated persons disclosure requirements associated with applicable federal and state securities law, including the costs of any employees of the County and fees of any professionals retained by the County to provide services for such purposes; and all other costs and expenses of the County incurred in connection with the discharge of its duties under the indenture, including legal expenses associated with such duties, and, in any way related to the administration of the Special Taxing District. The amount of the Arundel Mills District Special Tax required to be levied in any Tax Year (as defined in the Rate and Method) to provide for the payment of County expenses may be reduced to the extent that amounts are held under the indenture pursuant to which the Bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, are issued, or amounts are otherwise made available to the County, and such amounts are available for the payment of County expenses in such Tax Year.

(8) The County hereby ratifies and confirms that it covenants to levy the Arundel Mills District Special Tax at a rate and in an amount at least sufficient in each year in which any of the Bonds, including Refunding Bonds, are outstanding to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, including Refunding Bonds, to the extent of any deficiency in the Development District Special Fund and to provide for the payment of County expenses, to the extent such expenses are not otherwise provided for, as aforesaid. The Arundel Mills District Special Tax also may be levied with respect to refunding bonds issued under the Special Taxing District Act pursuant to the provisions of an ordinance or resolution enacted or adopted by the County in connection with the issuance of such refunding bonds.

(9) Pursuant to the provisions of the Development District Resolution and in accordance with the Tax Increment Act, so long as the Bonds, including Refunding Bonds, remain outstanding, the County shall deposit into the Development District Special Fund all real property taxes received by the County for any Tax Year after the effective date of the Development District Resolution equal to that portion of the taxes payable to the County representing the levy on the Tax Increment that would normally be paid to the County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the County Council, pursuant to an ordinance, may provide for the use of certain money in the Development District Special Fund in compliance with Section 8 of the Development District Resolution and the related provisions of the Tax Increment Act. Money in the Development District Special Fund shall be pledged to the payment of the Bonds. including the Refunding Bonds, other than those amounts withdrawn as permitted by the preceding sentence; provided, however, that the money in the Development District Special Fund may also be pledged by the County for the payment of additional bonds issued by the County under the Tax Increment Act and other authority, if applicable, relating to the public infrastructure improvements financed by the 1999 Bonds or other projects subject to the provisions of the indenture under which the Bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, will be issued. The County hereby covenants to comply with Section 9 of the Development District Resolution while any Bonds, including Refunding Bonds, remain outstanding.

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(10)In accordance with Section 19-103 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (2013 Replacement Volume) and other applicable provisions of law, the Refunding Bonds shall be further secured by a guaranty agreement provided by the County that obligates the County to timely pay the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds in the event that sufficient funds for the timely payment of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds are not available from the Development District Special Fund and the Special Tax Fund or otherwise. The obligation of the County to make such payments of principal and interest pursuant to the guaranty agreement shall be deemed and shall constitute an unconditional general obligation of the County, to the payment of which, both principal and interest, its full faith and credit are pledged, subject to the limitation on the tax levy set out in Section 710(d) of the County Charter. The County hereby covenants that, in each Tax Year during which any such principal of or interest on the Refunding Bonds is required to be paid under the guaranty agreement, it will appropriate sufficient funds in each Current Expense Budget to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds due in such Tax Year. The County hereby further covenants that, to the extent any such appropriation is not offset by funds from other sources or revenues, it will, subject to the limitation on the tax levy set out in Section 710(d) of the County Charter, fund any such appropriation by the levy of ad valorem taxes on real estate, tangible personal property and intangible personal property subject to taxation by the County, and in addition, on such other intangible property as may be subject to taxation by the County within limitations prescribed by law.

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SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That, acting pursuant to the Refunding Act, the Tax Increment Act and the Special Taxing District Act, the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds in an aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$33,258,000 is hereby authorized for the purpose of refunding or otherwise retiring all or a portion of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2004 Bonds to realize debt service savings on a direct comparison basis, as specified in Section 1(2) above. The proceeds of the Refunding Bonds will be utilized solely to refund or otherwise retire all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the 2004 Bonds, and to pay costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds as permitted pursuant to the provisions of the Refunding Act and this Ordinance. The Refunding Bonds may be issued pursuant to the provisions of an indenture at any time or from time to time in one or more issues or series, and each issue or series of the Refunding Bonds shall be identified by the year of issue or by some other or additional appropriate designation. The Refunding Bonds will be payable, first, from the amounts levied and deposited in the Development District Special Fund created by the Development District Resolution and secondly, to the extent the Development District Special Fund does not contain money in an amount sufficient for payment of debt service on such Refunding Bonds and to the extent amounts are required for deposit in funds and accounts created within such indenture to replenish deficiencies therein, from the Arundel Mills District Special Tax to be levied and deposited in the Special Tax Fund and other funds existing under the Indenture (hereinafter defined). In addition, the Refunding Bonds shall be further secured by a guaranty agreement provided by the County that obligates the County to timely pay the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds in the event that sufficient funds for the timely payment of principal and interest on the Refunding Bonds are not available from the Development District Special Fund and the Special Tax Fund or otherwise, as further

described in Section 1(10) above.

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The aggregate Principal Amount of the Refunding Bonds issued from time to time hereunder to refund or otherwise retire 2004 Bonds shall not exceed 120% of the principal amount of 2004 Bonds so refunded or retired.

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Prior to the issuance of Refunding Bonds, the County Executive shall execute and deliver a certification establishing that the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will realize debt service savings on a direct comparison basis as specified on Section 1(2) above. In making this certification, the County Executive may rely on the advice of the County's financial advisor regarding such determination.

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SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That the Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County and on its behalf by the County Executive, by manual or facsimile signature and the corporate seal of the County or a facsimile thereof shall be impressed or otherwise reproduced thereon and attested by the Administrative Officer to the County Council or other official authorized by law by manual or facsimile signature and the Refunding Bonds shall be authenticated by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chief Administrative Officer or her authorized deputy as may be required by law. The guaranty agreement to be entered into by the County (the "Guaranty Agreement") shall be executed in the name of the County and on its behalf by the County Executive by manual signature, and the corporate seal of the County or a facsimile thereof shall be impressed or otherwise reproduced thereon and attested by the Administrative Officer to the County Council or other official authorized by law or by manual signature. The Guaranty Agreement shall be appended to each Refunding Bond. The Indenture, and, where applicable, all other documents as the County Executive deems necessary to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds of any series, shall be executed in the name of the County and on its behalf by the County Executive by manual signature, and the corporate seal of the County or a facsimile thereof shall be impressed or otherwise reproduced thereon and attested by the Administrative Officer to the County Council or other official authorized by law or by manual signature. If any officer whose signature or countersignature or a facsimile of whose signature or countersignature appears on the Refunding Bonds of any series or any of the aforesaid documents ceases to be such officer before the delivery of the Refunding Bonds of such series or any of the other aforesaid documents, such signature or countersignature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery. The County Executive, the Administrative Officer to the County Council and other officials of the County are hereby authorized and empowered to do all such acts and things and execute such documents and certificates as the County Executive may determine to be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, subject to the limitations set forth in the Refunding Act, the Special Taxing District Act, the Tax Increment Act and this Ordinance.

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SECTION 4. And be it further enacted, That:

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(1) The Refunding Bonds shall be sold at private (negotiated) sale, and such procedure is hereby determined to be in the public interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer of the County if

authorized by the County Executive, subsequently determines that it is in the best interests of the County to sell any or all of the Refunding Bonds after first soliciting competitive bids at public sale, then the County Executive or the Chief Administrative Officer of the County, as the case may be, may sell such Refunding Bonds in such manner in accordance with such procedures as she shall deem appropriate; provided, however, that such procedures shall be substantially similar to procedures for the competitive sale of County general obligation bonds set forth in Section 5 of Bill No. 63-13 passed by the County Council on September 3, 2013, approved by the County Executive on September 18, 2013, and effective November 2, 2013.

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(2) The Refunding Bonds issued hereunder are hereby specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume).

SECTION 5. And be it further enacted, That, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the County Executive by executive order:

(1) shall prescribe the form, tenor, terms and conditions of and security for the Refunding Bonds;

(2) shall prescribe the principal amounts, rate or rates of interest, which shall not exceed seven percent (7%) per annum, premiums, if any, denominations, date, maturity or maturities (within the limits prescribed in the Refunding Act, the Tax Increment Act, the Special Taxing District Act and this Ordinance), and the time and place or places of payment of the Refunding Bonds, and the terms and conditions and details under which the Refunding Bonds may be called for redemption prior to their stated maturities;

(3) may appoint bond counsel, a verification agent, an escrow agent and a financial advisor and, if necessary, may appoint a trustee, a bond registrar and a paying agent or agents for the Refunding Bonds;

(4) as applicable, may appoint a bank or other financial institution to act as escrow deposit agent under an escrow deposit agreement;

(5) as applicable, may determine the terms and conditions of the redemption of all or any portion of the 2004 Bonds, including the redemption dates and redemption premiums to be paid for all or any portion of the 2004 Bonds, and the manner of investment of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and other funds to provide for the payment and defeasance of the 2004 Bonds;

(6) as applicable, shall approve the form and contents of, and execute and deliver (where applicable), an escrow deposit agreement providing for the payment and refunding of the 2004 Bonds;

(7) shall approve the form and contents of, and execute and deliver (where applicable), any indenture of trust between the County and a corporate trustee (which may be in the form of a supplement to the 2004 Indenture) (the "Indenture"), the

Guaranty Agreement and such other documents to which the County is a party and which may be necessary to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds;

(8) may select an investment bank or banks or other financial institution to purchase and underwrite the sale of the Refunding Bonds;

(9) may prepare and distribute both a preliminary and a final official statement or other similar offering document in connection with the sale of the Refunding Bonds, if such preliminary official statement and final official statement or other similar offering document are determined to be necessary or desirable for the sale of the Refunding Bonds;

(10) may execute and deliver a contract or contracts for the purchase and sale of the Refunding Bonds (or any portion thereof) in form and content satisfactory to the County Executive;

(11) shall determine the time of execution, issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds and prescribe any and all other details of the Refunding Bonds;

(12) shall provide for the direct or indirect payment of all costs, fees and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the County in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds, including (without limitation) costs of printing (if any) and issuing the Refunding Bonds, legal expenses (including the fees of bond counsel) and compensation to any person performing services by or on behalf of the County in connection therewith; and

(13) shall do any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds in order to accomplish the legislative policy of the Refunding Act, the Tax Increment Act and the Special Taxing District Act, and the public purposes of this Ordinance, subject to the limitations set forth in the Refunding Act, the Tax Increment Act and the Special Taxing District Act, and any limitations prescribed by this Ordinance.

This delegation of authority to the County Executive is subject to her discretion and to the extent she does not exercise such discretion pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, neither such officer nor the County shall be subject to any liability.

 SECTION 6. And be it further enacted, That the provisions hereinafter set forth in Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this Section shall be applicable with respect to the Refunding Bonds issued and sold hereunder on the basis that the interest on the Refunding Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

(1) The County Executive shall be the officer of the County responsible for the issuance of any Refunding Bonds hereunder within the meaning of the Arbitrage Regulations (defined herein). The County Executive shall also be the officer of the County responsible for the execution and delivery (on the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds) of a certificate of the County (the "Section 148 Certificate") which complies with the requirements of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as

amended ("Section 148"), and the applicable regulations thereunder (the "Arbitrage Regulations"), and such official is hereby directed to execute the Section 148 Certificate and to deliver the same to bond counsel on the date of the issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

(2) The County shall set forth in the Section 148 Certificate its reasonable expectations as to relevant facts, estimates and circumstances relating to the use of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, or of any moneys, securities or other obligations to the credit of any account of the County which may be deemed to be proceeds of the Refunding Bonds pursuant to Section 148 or the Arbitrage Regulations (collectively, "Bond Proceeds"). The County covenants that the facts, estimates and circumstances set forth in the Section 148 Certificate will be based on the County's reasonable expectations on the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds and will be, to the best of the certifying officials, knowledge, true and correct as of that date.

(3) The County covenants and agrees with each of the holders of any of the Refunding Bonds that it will not make, or (to the extent that it exercises control or direction) permit to be made, any use of the Bond Proceeds which would cause the Refunding Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 and the Arbitrage Regulations which are applicable to the Refunding Bonds on the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds and which may subsequently lawfully be made applicable to the Refunding Bonds.

(4) The County further covenants that it shall make such use of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, regulate the investment of the proceeds thereof, and take other and further actions as may be required to maintain the excludability from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Refunding Bonds. All officers, employees and agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, and to provide such certifications of facts and estimates regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, as may be necessary or appropriate from time to time to comply with, or to evidence the County's compliance with, the covenants set forth in this Section.

(5) The County Executive, on behalf of the County, may make such covenants or agreements in connection with the issuance of Refunding Bonds issued hereunder as she shall deem advisable in order to assure the registered owners of such Refunding Bonds that interest thereon shall be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and such covenants or agreements shall be binding on the County so long as the observance by the County of any such covenants or agreements is necessary in connection with the maintenance of the exclusion of the interest on such Refunding Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The foregoing covenants and agreements may include such covenants or agreements on behalf of the County regarding compliance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the County Executive shall deem advisable in order to assure the registered owners of such Refunding Bonds that the interest thereon shall be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including (without limitation) covenants or agreements relating to the investment of the proceeds of such Refunding Bonds, the payment of rebates (or payments in lieu of rebate) to the United States, limitations on the

times within which, and the purpose for which, such proceeds may be expended, or the use of specified procedures for accounting for and segregating such proceeds.

(6) Notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance to the contrary, Refunding Bonds issued and sold hereunder may be issued and sold on the basis that the interest on such Refunding Bonds will not be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 7. And be it further enacted, That, following the execution and delivery of any series of Refunding Bonds, the County Executive, or the Controller of the County, if authorized by the County Executive, shall report the terms thereof in writing at the next meeting of the County Council.

SECTION 8. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, paragraph or part hereof is held or determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, paragraphs or parts of this Ordinance or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been passed if such illegal, invalid, unconstitutional or inapplicable provision, sentence, clause, paragraph or part had not been included herein, and if the person or circumstances to which this Ordinance or any part hereof are inapplicable had been specifically exempted herefrom. Without limiting the foregoing, it is hereby further declared to be the legislative intent that the Guaranty Agreement shall be a fully enforceable obligation of the County notwithstanding any illegality, invalidity or other defect relating to the levy, collection or application of the Arundel Mills District Special Tax or the levy on the Tax Increment to provide for the payment of the Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 9. And be it further enacted, That by the enactment of this Ordinance, the County has complied with the provisions of the Tax Increment Act and the Special Taxing District Act, including but not limited to Sections 12-203, 12-208(c) and 12-208(d) of the Tax Increment Act and Section 21-507 of the Special Taxing District Act.

SECTION 10. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 17th day of March, 2014

By Order:

Elizabeth E. Jones Administrative Officer EFFECTIVE DATE: May 9, 2014

> Elizabeth E. Jones Administrative Officer