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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Lori L. Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney /s/

Via: Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

Date: February 1, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 11-21: Planning and Zoning – General Development Plan – Plan2040

Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 11-21, which adopts “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan.

Background. Section 531 of the Charter requires the Office of Planning and Zoning to prepare and revise a “Master Plan” for the physical development and growth of the County, which must be approved by ordinance of the County Council. Section 18-2-104 of the County Code describes the contents of the “Master Plan”, which it identifies as the General Development Plan. That section further provides that, at intervals not to exceed 8 years, the Office of Planning and Zoning shall comprehensively review the General Development Plan and shall recommend revisions to the Plan “as are necessary due to changes in demographic characteristics and social, economic, and environmental factors.” Charter Section 533 provides that the County’s Planning Advisory Board “shall make advisory recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Officer and the County Council relating to the Master Plan”

The Office of Planning and Zoning has undertaken the comprehensive review of the General Development Plan required by § 18-2-104, and has formulated “Plan2040”, as the County’s General Development Plan to replace the prior 2009 plan. The plan has been reviewed by the Planning Advisory Board, which has made advisory recommendations.

Purpose. Bill No. 11-21 makes findings of facts and statements of policy regarding the general development plan, adopts Plan2040 as the County’s current General Development Plan, and makes a change to § 17-11-109 of the County Code to correct a reference to the prior plan.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

Summary.

Section 1 repeals the 2009 General Development Plan for Anne Arundel County.

Section 2 adopts Plan2040 as the County's General Development Plan required by the Charter and in accordance with the County Code.

Section 3 requires certified copies of Plan2040 to be permanently kept on file by the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

Section 4 amends a reference to the Glen Burnie Small Area Plan in relation to the Glen Burnie Town Center Enhancement Area in § 17-11-209(b)(3). The small area plan was part of an earlier General Development Plan, and the Enhancement Area will be designated by the Office of Planning and Zoning independent of the referenced small area plan.

Section 5 provides that the bill will take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

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