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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Kelly Phillips Kenney, Supervising County Attorney /s/

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

Date: May 2, 2022

Subject: Bill No. 53-22, Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

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. 53-22.

Background. The County Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2017, as amended (the “Plan”) was adopted by this Council in 2017. State law requires that each county governing body review and update the Plan every three years. Md Code Ann., Envir., § 9-503(b).

Purpose. The primary purpose of the Bill is to repeal the 2017 Plan and adopt the 2022 Plan and associated maps.

In **Section 1** of the Ordinance, the 2017 Plan is repealed.

Section 2 adopts the 2022 Plan and the Official 2,000 Scale Maps.

Section 3 requires that a certified copy of the Plan and Maps be kept on file with the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Planning and Zoning (“OPZ”).

Section 4 provides that the Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law or upon approval by the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”), whichever is later. Section 9-507 of the Environment Article of the State Code requires that MDE approve or disapprove a proposed revision or amendment to the Plan. The County is required to have a Plan that is approved by MDE. (Md. Code Ann., Envir., § 9-503).

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

Consistent with the provisions in § 9-507, **Section 4** of the Ordinance also provides that, if the changes to the Plan are approved by MDE in whole or in part 45 days after the date it becomes law, the Ordinance shall take effect upon OPZ's receipt of MDE's approval. If the amendments are disapproved in whole or in part by MDE, the disapproved portions of the Ordinance become null and void without further action by the County Council. Lastly, **Section 4** requires OPZ to send a copy of the notice from MDE to the Administrative Officer to the County Council.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill.

Thank you.

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