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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Lori L. Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney

Via: Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney

Date: March 1, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 24-21 – Timbers Special Community Benefit District – Creation

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 the attached bill, which will create the Timbers Special Community Benefit District.

Background. A special community benefit district (“SCBD”) is a geographic designation for an area of the County that has requested to be assessed a special tax to accomplish one or more purposes common to and benefiting the owners of the property in that area. Article 4, Title 7, of the County Code sets forth the procedures for forming, administering, and modifying an SCBD. Formation of an SCBD begins with a petition process. The petition includes the boundaries, the purposes, the method of taxation, and the identification of the civic or community association to administer the district funds. The owners of at least two-thirds of the properties included in the district must sign the petition in the affirmative, thus assenting to the formation of the district. If the correct number of “yes” votes is received, legislation to form the district is presented to the County Council.

The Timbers Civic Association, Inc. has circulated a petition to form an SCBD that comports with the requirements of the County Code, and owners of at least two-thirds of the properties in the district have agreed to the formation.

Purpose. The purpose of this bill is to establish the boundaries, purposes, and method of taxation of the Timbers Special Community Benefit District in Councilmanic District 3, as well as to designate the entity to administer the district funds.

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

Summary.

Section 1 renumbers provisions of § 4-7-204 of the County Code to allow the addition of a new subsection.

Section 2 creates the Timbers SCBD by adding § 4-7-204(www). The properties that will be included in the district are described in the bill by reference to a plat, as well as an additional property described by a tax identification number. The purposes of the district are set forth and are related to community property. The Timbers Civic Association, Inc. will administer the district funds.

Subsection 4-7-205(b) is amended to make the method of taxation for the new district a uniform assessment for each platted lot.

SECTION 3 provides that the Bill takes effect 45 days after it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this bill. Thank you.

cc: Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
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