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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: July 19, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 70-21 – Snug Harbor Waterways Improvement District – Modification of Boundaries

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 would modify the limits of the Snug Harbor Waterways Improvement District (“WID”).

Purpose.

The purpose of the Bill is to remove one property from the Snug Harbor WID and to add one property to the Snug Harbor WID.

Background.

The Snug Harbor WID was created to provide for the repair of community bulkhead, pilings, and catwalks; the dredging of the harbor and channel that provides access to community marina facilities; and future maintenance and improvements as permitted under County law. (County Code, § 4-7-406(k)(2)). Properties in the district are identified by address and tax identification number. (County Code, § 4-7-406(k)(1)). Membership seems to be based on the right to utilize an assigned boat slip in the community marina.

The owners of a property that is currently in the district (1705 Snug Harbor Road) no longer wish to utilize an assigned boat slip. The owners of another property in the district (4914 Whipple Way) are being assigned the use of the boat slip. Therefore, the community desires to remove the Snug Harbor Road property from the district, and to add the Whipple Way property to the district.

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

Section 4-7-404 of the County Code provides that the County Council may modify an existing WID by ordinance if a petition in favor of the change is signed by the owners of at least 75% of the properties in the existing district, as well as owners of at least 75% of the properties being added to the district. Petitions in favor of the change have been received from the owners of the property being added to the district and from the owners of at least 75% of the properties in the existing district.

SECTION 1 of the bill modifies § 4-7-406(k)(1) to remove 1705 Snug Harbor Road from the district and to add 4914 Whipple Way to the district.

SECTION 2 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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