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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Christine Neiderer, Assistant County Attorney /s/

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

Date: June 21, 2021

Subject: Resolution No. 34-21, Approving the declaration of certain unimproved County-owned property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland as surplus property

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 Resolution No. 34-21, a Resolution that approves the declaration of certain unimproved County-owned property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland as surplus property for the purpose of transferring to a quasi-governmental entity.

Purpose.

The purpose of the Resolution is to approve the declaration of property located in the Fifth Assessment District of Anne Arundel County, containing 0.23 acres, more or less, known as a triangular parcel at the intersections of the roadways now known as Platzer Lane, Maryland Avenue, NW, and Alley 207 in Glen Burnie, Maryland, and identified on Anne Arundel County Tax Map 9F, Grid 17, Parcel 362 (“Property”), as surplus property.

Background.

Subsection 8-3-209(a) of the Anne Arundel County Code (“Code”) provides that, upon request of an agency of the federal government, an agency of a State government, a quasi-governmental entity, or a political subdivision, the County may transfer fee simple title to real property for which the County has no identified present or future need.

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

Subsection 8-3-209(b) of the Code provides that upon receipt of a request from an entity described in subsection § 8-3-209(a), the Central Services Officer shall inquire as to whether any County office, department, or agency has a present need or reasonably anticipates a future need for the property. If no such need is identified, the Central Services Officer shall recommend to the County Executive that the real property be declared surplus property upon the approval of the County Council by resolution. The resolution shall explain the proposed use of the property.

Notice of a request to transfer a property must be advertised at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County before the introduction of the resolution by the County Council.

If the County Executive and County Council approve the declaration of the real property as surplus property and the assessed value of the property is more than \$1,000, the Central Services Officer shall determine the fair market value of the real property by reviewing one appraisal. Thereafter, fee simple title may be transferred to the requesting entity.

Proposed Surplus Declaration

The Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County, a quasi-governmental agency, has submitted a request to the County for fee simple title to the Property for the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0), for additional parking as part of an adjacent Housing Commission project. Upon receipt of the request, the Central Services Officer inquired whether any County office, department, or agency has a present or future need or reasonably anticipates a future need for the Property, and no such need was identified. As such, the Central Services Officer recommended to the County Executive that the Property be declared surplus upon the approval of the County Council. The County Executive has approved the declaration of the Property as surplus.

A notice of request to transfer the Property has been advertised as required by § 8-3-209(b)(3).

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding Resolution No. 34-21. Thank you.

cc: Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
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