



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW

Legislative Summary

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Bill No. 83-24 – Approval of the First Amendment to Farm Rental Lease between the County and Shady Oaks Turf Farm, Inc.

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. 83-24.

Background

The County owns property known as the Rockhold Creek Farm, in West River, Maryland, comprised of 396.537 acres, more or less, and described in a deed recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Book 18509, Page 667 (the “Farm”). The County, as Landlord, and Shady Oaks Turf Farm, Inc., a Maryland corporation, as tenant, entered into a twenty-four (24) month lease dated March 7, 2023 (“Lease”), for a portion of the Farm comprised of 115 acres, more or less, of pasture and tillable land and farm buildings (“Leased Premises”). The term of the Lease began on October 1, 2022, and terminated September 30, 2024.

Shady Oaks Turf Farm, Inc. desires to amend the Lease to extend the term for an additional ten (10) years, to expire on September 30, 2034, as set forth in the proposed First Amendment to Farm Rental Lease, a copy of which is attached to the legislation.

Section 8-3-301 of the County Code requires that any contract for lease of County-owned property that specifies a term, including renewal options, of three years or more, must be approved by ordinance of the County Council.

Purpose

The purpose of this Bill is to approve the First Amendment to Farm Rental Lease between the County and Shady Oaks Turf Farm, Inc.

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

Bill No. 83-24
(uncodified)

SECTION 1

This section approves the First Amendment to Farm Rental Lease between the County and Shady Oaks Turf Farm, Inc.

SECTION 2

This section 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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