COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 19

Resolution No. 46-24

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair (by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, October 21, 2024

RESOLUTION approving the application of Allen P. Covington and Maxwell H. Covington, III, individually and as Trustees of the Covington Marital Trust, to sell an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on 92.6 acres in Davidsonville, Maryland

WHEREAS, Allen P. Covington and Maxwell H. Covington, III, individually and as Trustees of the Covington Marital Trust, have made application (the "Covington Application") to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (the "Foundation") to sell an agricultural land preservation easement on real property known as 3208 Davidsonville Road in Davidsonville, Maryland, described in a deed dated December 6, 2022, recorded in the land records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in Book 39557, Page 41, in a deed dated December 30, 1992, recorded in land records of Anne Arundel County, in Book 5883, Page 36, and in a deed dated December 30, 1992, recorded in land records of Anne Arundel County, in Book 5883, Page 39, consisting of 92.6 acres, more or less, and shown generally on Exhibit 1, a copy of which is attached hereto (the "Covington Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 2, Subtitle 5 of the Agriculture Article of the State Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the County governing body is required to advise the Foundation as to a local recommendation of approval or disapproval of the Covington Application; and

WHEREAS, in deciding whether to approve the Covington Application, the County governing body is to receive the recommendation of the Office of Planning and Zoning and the County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (the "Board") based on criteria and standards identified in Title 2, Subtitle 5 of the Agriculture Article of the State Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, the Board, and the County Executive have recommended approval of the Covington Application; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that approval of the Covington Application is in the best interest of the citizens of Anne Arundel County; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby approves the recommendation of approval of the Covington Application to sell an

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agricultural land preservation easement on the Covington Property to the Foundation; and be it further

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Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman; Eddie Franceschi, Agricultural and Woodland Preservation Program Manager at the Office of Planning and Zoning; and Michelle Cable, Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

READ AND PASSED this 4th day of November, 2024

By Order:

Kaley Schultze Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 46-24 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

Allison Pickard Chair

