



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW

Legislative Summary

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Date: June 20, 2023

Subject: Bill No. 59-23 - Approval of the Ground Lease between Anne Arundel County and Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department, 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. 59-23.

Background

Pursuant to Resolution. No. 44-22, the County Council expressed the need to acquire a 3.0275 acre parcel of land, more or less, on Stepney Lane in Edgewater, Maryland (“Property”), from the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (“BOE”), to be utilized for the construction of a new Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department (“WBVFD”) station. In March 2023, the County acquired the Property from the BOE pursuant to a deed recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Book 39572, page 453 for the sum of One Dollar (\$1). WBVFD desires to develop the Property as a site for its fire station and other firefighting facilities. The County has agreed to lease the Property to the WBVFD for a term of 99 years, plus two, 10-year renewal options, as set forth in the Ground Lease. WBVFD shall be solely responsible for costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the fire station.

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 Bill No. 59-23 is to approve a Ground Lease between the County and WBVFD for County-owned property comprised of 3.0275 acres of land, more or less, on Stepney Lane in Edgewater, Maryland.

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

Bill No. 59-23

SECTION 1.

This section approves the Ground Lease Agreement between the County and WBVFD and incorporates the Ground Lease by reference.

SECTION 2.

This section provides that a certified copy of the Ground Lease shall be kept on file with the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Central Services.

SECTION 3.

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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