County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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Resolution No. 159 -2024

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Conveyance of a portion of a 20" public right of way easement – approximately 930 square feet

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of a 20' public right of way easement to make openings and excavations, and to lay construct and maintain drains, water pipes and other municipal utilities and services containing approximately 930 square feet is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement interest and convey the property to the fee simple owner, Trotter 5857, LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interest to Trotter 5857, LLC; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

Introduced and read first time, 2024.	
	By order
Read for a second time at a public hearing on	, 2024.
	By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with a	nmendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council
on, 2024.	
	Certified By Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment

1	WHEREAS, as part of Capital Project WP-8054 – Phase 2 –Anderson Avenue Water
2	Main Extensions, the County acquired a 20' right of way easement to make openings and
3	excavations, and to lay construct and maintain drains, water pipes and other municipal utilities
4	and services (the "20' Public Water and Utility Easement") by Deed and Agreement dated
5	February 2, 1974 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber
6	671, folio 165, on February 27, 1974, in and through that certain real property commonly known
7	as 6399 Anderson Avenue, Hanover, Maryland 21076 and shown as Parcel 232 on Tax Map 38
8	(the "Property"); and
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10	WHEREAS, Trotter 5857, LLC is the fee simple owner (the "Owner") of the Property;
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13	WHEREAS, the Owner has requested that the County release a portion of the 20' Public
14	Water and Utility Easement containing approximately 930 square feet, as described and shown
15	as "Ex. 20' Public Water R/W L.671 F.165 To Be Extinguished By This Plat (930 SF)" (the
16	"Easement to be Abandoned") on the attached final subdivision plat F-24-017 titled "The Aerie
17	in Elkridge, Lots 1-8 and Open Space Lots 9 and 10" (the "Plat"); and
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19	WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the plans submitted by the Owner under Contract
20	No. 14-5114-D titled "The Aerie in Elkridge, Public Water and Public Sewer Plans, Contract No.
21	14-5114-D" (the "Plans"), and has determined that the Easement to be Abandoned is no longer
22	required for public purposes; and
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24	WHEREAS, in accordance with the Plans, the Owner shall modify the existing water
25	main and construct an 8" water main on the Property dedicated to the County and located on the
26	portion of the Property described and shown as "Public 30' Water, Sewer and Utility Easement"
27	(the "30' Public Water, Sewer and Utility Easement") on the Plat and, subject to the County's
28	acceptance, shall convey the 30' Public Water, Sewer and Utility Easement to the County; and
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30	WHEREAS, Section 4.201 "Disposition of real property" of the Howard County Code
31	authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and

1	also authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual
2	conveyance of real property upon the request of the County Executive; and
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4	WHEREAS, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to
5	waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the conveyance of the Easement
6	to be Abandoned to the Owner.
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8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
9	Maryland, this day of, 2024, that the Easement to be Abandoned, a
10	portion containing a portion of the 20' Public Water and Utility Easement containing
11	approximately 930 square feet, shown as "Ex. 20' Public Water R/W L.671 F.165 To Be
12	Extinguished By This Plat (930 SF)" on the attached Plat, is no longer needed by the County for
13	public purposes and may be conveyed to Trotter 5857, LLC.
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15	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having received a request from the County
16	Executive and having held a public hearing, the County Council declares that the best interest of
17	the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and
18	bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the conveyance of the
19	Easement to be Abandoned to Trotter 5857, LLC.
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21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the County Executive finds that the Easement to
22	be Abandoned should not be terminated, he is not bound to terminate the County's easement
23	interests in accordance with this Resolution.

