

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

1997 Legislative Session

Resolution No. _____ CR-47-1997

Proposed by _____ Council Member Wilson

Introduced by _____ Council Member Wilson

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction _____ July 28, 1997

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Permitted Private Uses of County-Owned Land

For the purpose of approving the relocation of the helipad at the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the County Zoning Ordinance permits, subject to certain review criteria, the building, structure, or use on County-owned land by a private use which is seeking to serve a public health purpose; and

WHEREAS, an applicant seeking permission to use County-owned land for a private use shall petition the District Council for such permission, and shall submit a proposed site plan and an impact study that sets forth the effect of the structure and use on the general neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Staff shall review the proposed site plan for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Council shall transmit the request to each municipality located either within the area of the proposed request or within one-half (1/2) mile of that area; and

WHEREAS, the request shall be reviewed by the Planning Board who must approve the location, character, and extent of the proposed improvements and use; and

WHEREAS, the District Council shall conduct a public hearing on the request and shall review the comments of the municipalities, the comments made at the public hearing, the

application, the site plan, and the impact study prior to approving or denying the use; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated July 2, 1996, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of Dimensions Health Corporation, filed an application, site plan and impact statement with the District Council to renovate the emergency services department at the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Staff reviewed the site plan and found it in accordance with the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board conducted a public hearing and issued a resolution approving the location, character and extent of the proposed use; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 24, 1996, Dimensions Health Corporation amended its application to delete the request to relocate the existing helipad to a location 107 feet south of its present location; and

WHEREAS, the District Council conducted an evidentiary hearing on the amended request and considered the comments made during the hearing and by the municipalities, the application, the site plan, the impact statement, the comments made by the Technical Staff, and the resolution issued by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 1996, the Council adopted CR-47-1996 approving the proposed amendments, with the exception of the proposed relocation of the helipad, and the Council found that the location of the helipad was integral to a consideration of the amended application for a relocated driveway and entrance for the expanded trauma/emergency care facilities and for canopies, and the Council concluded that, due to the symbiotic relationship between the trauma/emergency care facilities and the helipad, a decision on the amended application required the consideration of the location of the helipad; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of CR-47-1996 conditioned the approval of the renovations on the preparation of an engineering feasibility study by an independent contractor agreed upon by Dimensions Health Corporation and the Town of Cheverly and participated in by the Maryland State Police Aviation Division and by area residents; and

WHEREAS, CR-47-1996 required the study be presented, for public review and participation, to the District Council, for a determination and approval of the relocation of the

helipad; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 19, 1997, the President, Prince George's Hospital Center, on behalf of Dimensions Health Corporation, filed the engineering feasibility study required by CR-47-1996 to relocate the helipad at the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Maryland and identified three sites for possible relocation of the helipad. The three sites, in order of priority are:

- (1) Roof of E-wing penthouse (Site "I")
- (2) Roof of K-wing (Site "E")
- (3) Elevated pad at rear of hospital ("H")

and are illustrated in the feasibility study.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cheverly is in support of the three sites identified for relocation of the helipad by the engineering feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Staff has reviewed the site plan(s) and found it in accordance with the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board conducted a public hearing and issued a resolution approving the location(s), character and extent of the relocated helipad; and

WHEREAS, the District Council conducted an evidentiary hearing on the request and has considered the comments made during the hearing and by the municipality, the engineering feasibility study, the comments made by the Technical Staff, and the resolution issued by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the District Council has considered (a) the relationship of the project to the General Plan, Master Plan, Functional Master Plan, or other plan or policy document approved by the Council; (b) the impact of the project on the area affected; (c) the availability of other, more appropriate sites in the Regional District; and (d) the relative need for the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the relocation of the helipad

located at the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Maryland, be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 1997.

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COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART
OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:
Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council