

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

Currently, the District Council may initiate a Sectional Map Amendment at any time, separate from an Area Master Plan. The District Council may also initiate a Sectional Map Amendment on the date that the District Council approves an Area Master Plan for the SMA's subject area.

This proposed legislation provides a third alternative for the District Council to initiate a Sectional Map Amendment. The legislation allows the District Council to initiate a Sectional Map Amendment concurrently with an Area Master Plan. The SMA's initiation date shall be the initiation date of the Area Master Plan by the Commission or Planning Board with the District Council's concurrence, or any date after the Area Master Plan's initiation but prior to the date that the Planning Board grants permission to print the preliminary Area Master Plan. The Sectional Map Amendment will then become part of the Area Master Plan. The SMA will proceed through the Area Master Plan's adoption and approval procedures, and will be approved by the District Council concurrently with the approval of the Area Master Plan.

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