

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/1/2007
Reference No.: CR-022-2007
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Harrington
Sponsor(s): Harrington, Dean, Knotts, Campos
Item Title: A Resolution approving a waiver of the adequate public safety facilities surcharge for the Newton Green Senior Housing Project in Bladensburg

Drafter: Jackie Brown, Director PZED Committee
Resource Personnel: Kenneth C. Williams, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:	5/14/2007 S
Committee Referral:	4/3/2007 - PZED	Effective Date:	
Committee Action:	4/18/2007 - FAV		
Date Introduced:	4/3/2007		
Public Hearing:			
Council Action (1)	5/1/2007 - ADOPTED		
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TK:-, EO:A, IT:A		
Pass/Fail:	P		
Remarks:			

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date 4/18/2007

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dean, Dernoga, and Harrington)

Staff provided an overview of the legislation and summarized referral comments that were received. The resolution approves a waiver of the adequate public safety facilities surcharge for the Newton Green Senior Housing project in Bladensburg.

Council Member Harrington informed the committee that he sponsored this legislation because he believes the surcharge waiver is appropriate for revitalization efforts particularly in a high crime area.

Lawrence Taub spoke in support of CR-22-2007 informing the committee that the County approved tax credits for the Newton Green project in March/April 2005 which was prior to the adoption of the adequate public safety facilities surcharge legislation in July 2005. Mr. Taub also indicated that the property is just outside the boundary of the Town of Bladensburg and his client has petitioned the Town for annexation. He indicated that the Town is in support of this resolution.

The Office of Law reviewed CR-22-2007 and found it to be in proper legislative form with two technical

amendments: page 1, line 22, strike “5.21” and insert “5.1641”; page 2, line 4, strike “multifamily senior” and insert “for low-to moderate-income seniors”.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reviewed the resolution and provided the following fiscal statement. The FY2007 Adequate Public Safety Facilities (APSF) Surcharge for each dwelling unit in the developed tier is set at \$2,070. Using the FY2007 rate, application of the APSF Surcharge to the Newton Green Senior Housing Development would generate a total of \$161,460. As provided in the statute, up to 12% of the APSF Surcharge collected would be distributed to the Bladensburg, Maryland Police Department (\$19,375) and the balance of 88% would be available to the County (\$142,085).

Adoption of CR-22-2007 will reduce County APSF Surcharge revenues by at least \$142,085. In addition, the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland will not receive up to \$19,375 for use by their Police Department.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This Resolution approves a waiver of the adequate public safety facilities surcharge for the Newton Green Senior Housing project in Bladensburg. The County’s governing body (Council and Executive) is authorized to approve such waivers within the Developed Tier.

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