

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-35-2021

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** April 8, 2021

**Action:** FAV

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### **REPORT:**

Committee Vote: Favorable on Draft 1, 10-1 (In favor: Council Members, Hawkins, Taveras, Turner, Anderson-Walker, Ivey, Streeter, Glaros, Dernoga, Harrison, Franklin and Davis).

The Committee of the Whole met on April 8, 2021 to consider CR-35-2021. The Legislative Officer provided an overview of the legislation, explaining that the legislation of the legislation as proposed by the Office of Law was to state that the County Executive desired to extinguish the County's reversionary interest in the real property known as "Ardmore Enterprises Property" and to seek such approval for authority from the County Council. The Legislative Officer provided a brief history of the reversionary interest in the Ardmore Enterprises Property which was created in 1974 and the general law as it applies to reversionary interests in the State of Maryland. Because the County is a political subdivision of the State, the automatic extinguishment of the reversionary interest after 30 years does not apply to it.

The County's reversionary interest in retaking the underlying real property would only occur if the property owner (The Ardmore Developmental Center, Inc.) ceased to use the property as a "retarded day care site and facility". In the Resolution, the County Executive states that the Ardmore Developmental Center, Inc. (as Seller) "represents that the Buyer will continue to serve the citizens of Prince George's County by maintaining the current health services use of the property and improvements". Satisfied with that assurance, the County Executive agrees to release the County's reversionary interest and any other future ownership interest in said property. Council Member Glaros inquired as to whether there were any other methods by which to ensure that the buyer of the real property will continue to use that property for the current purpose. Amanda Denison from the Office of Law stated that apart from the current reversionary interest, which the County Executive wishes to extinguish, there are no methods to ensure the continued current use of the real property.

There was a discussion to ask for the current buyer to provide written assurance in the form of a letter, however nothing would be included in the current Resolution. Whereupon, The Committee of the Whole voted 11 – 0 to approve CR-35-2021 Draft 1.