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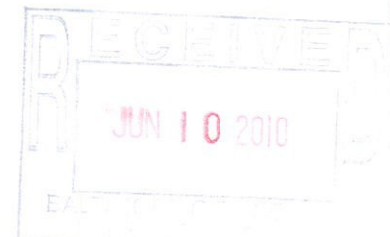
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0497 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to consent to and approve a petition to extend the Metropolitan District of Baltimore County to a certain tract of land, and provide for a special effective date.


The petitioner, Jehovah's Witness Church Kingdom Hall, owns a tract of land approximately 2.916 acres in size and is the property known as 5624 Old Court Road. The property is located on the north side of Old Court Road, between Inwood Road and Greens Lane, and north of Windsor Mill Road. The property is improved with an existing church building and parking area. The Jehovah's Witness Church Kingdom Hall plans to expand their worship space at this location but must install fire sprinklers to be in compliance with County requirements. The well providing water to the site will not be adequate to service the fire sprinkler system, therefore the Church is requesting public water service. The property abuts the Metropolitan District. The requested Metropolitan District Extension 161 can be adequately served with water from the City's Pikesville 4th Zone.

The Baltimore County Council approved Resolution 76-09 on October 19, 2009, having found District Extension 161 to meet the requirements for requesting an extension of water service from Baltimore City. The request conforms to the Baltimore County Water Supply and Sewerage Plan and the Baltimore County Land Use Master Plan. The property is zoned DR-3.5, a zoning designation that equates to Density Residential, allowing for a maximum of 3.5 dwelling units/acre. The District Extension request is located within the County's Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL). Established in 1967 the URDL is the portion of the County designated as a priority funding area and is where 90% of the County population resides.



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This Department investigated the petition request, confirmed that all appropriate County procedures were followed, and determined that the requested area can be adequately served with water from the existing water distribution system. Therefore, based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0497.



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