

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-32

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A NON-PROFIT HOUSING ORGANIZATION AND USE UP TO \$270,000 FROM THE HOUSING RESERVE FUND FOR A HOUSING PROJECT AT 1202 HOLTON LANE

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council adopted the Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan on October 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City staff have developed relationships with a number of housing organizations so as to be able to make progress on the goals identified in the Strategic Plan as opportunities arise; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity has arisen to work with one of these housing organizations to undertake a project that advances a number of goals of the City's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the project involves the purchase of a vacant bank-owned single-family residential property located at 1202 Holton Lane; and

WHEREAS, the property could be renovated by either Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland or Housing Initiative Partnership and sold as an affordable home purchase; and

WHEREAS, a City of Takoma Park contribution of up to \$270,000 from the City's Housing Reserve may be made to assist with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Reserve has sufficient funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence to act, and the Council will later affirm arrangements with one of the housing organizations and Budget Amendment provisions if the project proceeds; and

WHEREAS, City staff believes this project is an excellent project to advance the Council's goals to preserve affordable housing stock and provide "missing middle" homeownership opportunities; improve the physical condition, safety, resiliency, and energy efficiency of existing housing; and build relationships with other organizations to advance the City's housing goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute any documents and take any action necessary to contract with Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland or Housing Initiative Partnership to purchase, redevelop, and sell the property at 1202 Holton Lane.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to use up to \$270,000 of funds from the City of Takoma Park's Housing Reserve to advance the project.
- Section 3. The Council finds that the timelines associated with the purchase create an emergency within the meaning of Section 309(e) of the Charter.

This ordinance is ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, this 23rd day of June, 2021, and shall be EFFECTIVE immediately upon its adoption, by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None