

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-59

Authorizing Takoma Park to file Comments on Washington Adventist Hospital's Petition to Relocate, Pending before the Maryland Health Care Commission, and to Request Interested Party Status.

WHEREAS, Washington Adventist Hospital (“WAH”) has applied for a Certificate of Need from the Maryland Health Care Commission (“MHCC”) to permit it to relocate to a new campus in White Oak, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that Takoma Park residents maintain adequate access to quality health care, the City is simultaneously participating in the Certificate of Need proceeding and attempting to negotiate an agreement with Adventist Healthcare that will ensure that Adventist maintains certain medical facilities in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has not yet reached an agreement with WAH that would protect the interests of the City’s residents; and

WHEREAS, obtaining “interested party” status in the MHCC proceeding will afford the City the greatest opportunity to influence the outcome of the proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for requesting interested party status and submitting comments to the MHCC is October 13, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT the City of Takoma Park shall request interested status in the Certificate of Need proceeding pending before the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Takoma Park shall submit comments to the Maryland Health Care Commission that ask the Commission to authorize the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital only if the Hospital is bound to maintain sufficient health care services and facilities to serve the needs of city residents and to make those services accessible to uninsured and underinsured residents.

This resolution is adopted this 5th day of October, 2009.