

Introduced by: Councilmember Snipper

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2011-27**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONDITIONS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED  
APPLICATION FILED BY WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL TO RELOCATE  
TO WHITE OAK IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE  
COMMISSION, DOCKET NO. 09-15-2295**

**WHEREAS**, Adventist HealthCare is seeking to relocate Washington Adventist Hospital ("WAH") to a new campus in White Oak, Maryland; and,

**WHEREAS**, WAH is the only hospital located in the City of Takoma Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to ensure that Takoma Park residents, particularly poor, uninsured, and those who rely on public transportation, continue to have convenient access to quality health care; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to ensure that Takoma Park residents have prompt access to urgent or emergent medical care and routine health care services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to ensure that it retains an economically viable health care delivery system for the benefit of the residents of Takoma Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, Adventist HealthCare must obtain a Certificate of Need (CON) from the Maryland Health Care Commission ("Commission") before it can relocate WAH; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 19-103 of the Health-General Article of the *Maryland Code* requires the Commission to promote financial and geographic access to quality health care services at a reasonable cost for all Marylanders; and,

**WHEREAS**, Adventist HealthCare's CON Application, which includes a reuse plan for the Takoma Park campus, does not adequately address the community's health care needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has the authority to impose conditions upon Adventist HealthCare in connection with the granting of a CON; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Takoma Park has submitted formal comments to the Commission describing the adverse impacts of the relocation of WAH upon the City's residents and describing the City's concerns about the viability of primary and urgent care proposed for its Village of Education, Health and Wellbeing on the Takoma Park campus.

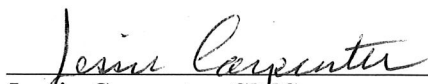
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

**TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**, that, if the Commission grants a Certificate of Need to Washington Adventist Hospital, Inc. pursuant to this application, the following conditions should be included:

1. Adventist HealthCare must prepare an operating plan and commit sufficient capital resources to provide continuing, broad-based 24 hour primary and urgent care and related diagnostic support services at the Takoma Park campus.
2. Adventist HealthCare must develop an organizational structure to continuously address the health care needs of the City of Takoma Park, such as the proposed Village Advisory Council. The Village Advisory Council must
  - a. be established as a permanent entity rather than sunseting in five years as proposed in Adventist HealthCare's CON Application; and,
  - b. include, as at least 50% of its membership, persons appointed by the Takoma Park City Council, rather than only two of seventeen members as proposed in Adventist HealthCare's CON Application; and,
  - c. commence operations within 60 days of the granting of a Certificate of Need, rather than upon the relocation of WAH as proposed in Adventist HealthCare's CON Application.
3. Adventist HealthCare must require that the twenty-four hour primary and urgent care provider and all tenants affiliated with Adventist HealthCare at the Takoma Park campus provide a charity care policy equivalent to the charity care policy of the White Oak facility.
4. Adventist HealthCare must submit, to the Commission and the City of Takoma Park, any proposed change in services for the Village of Education, Health, and Well Being and an annual report of operating results.
5. Adventist HealthCare must commence, within sixty days of the granting of a CON, a joint study with Takoma Park regarding obtaining Freestanding Medical Facility status for a WAH satellite facility on the Takoma Park campus, and diligently pursue that goal, including pursuing any required legislation.

**THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2011.**

ATTEST:



Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk