

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018-43**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PURCHASE OF 7906 FLOWER AVENUE**

WHEREAS, City Code Chapter 6.32 *Tenant Opportunity to Purchase* gives the City of Takoma Park the right to purchase rental property under the same terms and conditions that have been negotiated by a third party; and

WHEREAS, County Code Chapter 53A-4 *Right of First Refusal to Buy Rental Housing* grants similar authority to Montgomery County, requiring the approval of the local municipality prior to the purchase of any property; and

WHEREAS, a contract has been entered into by Congressional Commercial, Inc. for the acquisition of 7906 Flower Avenue, a vacant ten-unit multi-family property located in Ward 5; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) has notified the City of its interest in exercising its right of first refusal in order to acquire said property; and

WHEREAS, DHCA proposes to transfer ownership of the properties to the National Center for Children and Families for purposes of providing affordable supportive rental housing to vulnerable and at-risk children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the Council, having identified the importance of providing a range of safe, quality, and stable housing options for residents of varying incomes, supports the affordable housing proposal submitted by Montgomery County DHCA and the National Center for Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, the Council has elected not to pursue its rights to purchase said properties under City Code Chapter 6.32.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City approves the purchase of 7906 Flower Avenue by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the transfer of said property to the National Center for Children and Families as permitted under County Code Chapter 53A.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk