

Introduced by: Councilmember Dyballa

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2019-34

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF
LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTS
TO THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council is charged with setting policy and pursuing legislative changes in the best interests of the Takoma Park community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an active member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML); and

WHEREAS, MML pursues legislative changes to benefit Maryland municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about the impact of property taxes on elderly and low income residents who own their home but has limited authority relative to some counties in this area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has declared a climate emergency and recognizes the urgency of transitioning to renewable energy in electricity and heating/cooling; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that environmental hazards such as lead and other contaminants still exist in some residential homes and apartments, particularly those most likely to house more vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified several requests to forward to MML for its consideration as legislative priorities for the League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the Maryland Municipal League the Legislative Action Requests:

1. the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to initiate or support legislation to grant municipal authority similar to certain counties to implement expanded property tax deferrals to certain categories of homeowners, such as elderly or low income residents; and
2. the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to support legislation to authorize a group of counties or municipalities to form or join a “community choice aggregator” to purchase or generate electricity from renewable sources for their residents; and

3. the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to support legislation or sources of funding to assist rental property owners to eliminate environmental hazards in rental properties, including lead.

Adopted this 24th day of July, 2019.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk