

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-22

**RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE MINOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT
(MONTGOMERY COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, the Minor Master Plan Amendment is a County plan developed by the Montgomery County Planning Department to amend certain elements of the Takoma Park Master Plan (last updated in 2000); and

WHEREAS, the Minor Master Plan Amendment provides an opportunity to reexamine elements of the Master Plan in respect to unanticipated economic and land use changes; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital opens an opportunity for the City of Takoma Park to examine resources on both the campus and surrounding area, including the Washington Adventist University campus and the multi-family housing areas along Maple Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and discussed the proposed Plan boundary as presented by Montgomery County Planning in consultation with City of Takoma Park staff; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council supports the re-envisioning of the Washington Adventist Hospital campus and the enhancement of critical civic, economic, and housing resources in the surrounding neighborhoods along the Maple Avenue corridor in a manner that enhances the quality of life of area residents and is environmentally and financially sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing in September 2021 to hear testimony and vote on the draft Minor Master Plan Amendment scope of work and boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Takoma Park strongly recommends approval of the scope of work and boundary area of the Minor Master Plan Amendment by the Montgomery County Planning Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Montgomery County Planning Board consider the following:

- include Erie Center, the small commercial area at the intersection of Erie and Flower Avenues, in the Boundary Area;

- include the City of Takoma Park Public Works building complex at 31 Oswego Avenue in the Boundary Area;
- ensure a robust community engagement process that includes the multi-family units on Maple Avenue; and
- conduct community engagement that involves the residents and properties that are outside the Boundary Area but also impacted by the use of and connectivity with the Boundary Area, in particular, nearby residential neighborhoods.

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2021.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessie Carpenter".

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk