

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2022-15**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER TO THE MARYLAND HEALTHCARE COMMISSION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE WHITE OAK MEDICAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, Adventist Healthcare (AHC) has filed a request with the Maryland Healthcare Commission for Modification of the Certificate of Need for the White Oak Medical Center (Docket No. 13-15-2349); and

WHEREAS, the request is to close the Urgent Care Center currently located on the former Washington Adventist Hospital campus and replace it with a primary care office with embedded behavioral health counseling; and

WHEREAS, the offices are proposed to be located in the medical office building on the former hospital campus; and

WHEREAS, AHC has also committed to the City to donate a physical space in that building for a behavioral health crises response center that will be established through a partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Manager and Mayor are authorized to sign the attached letter to the Maryland Healthcare Commission supporting the proposal from Adventist Healthcare and the Request for Modification of the Certificate of Need.

Adopted this 25th day of May, 2022 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Searcy  
NAY: Smith  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Attest:

  
Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

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## *Takoma Park City Council*

May 26, 2022

Paul E. Parker  
Director, Center for Healthcare Facilities Planning & Development  
Maryland Healthcare Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. Parker,

The Takoma Park City Council and City Manager would like to express our support for the Request for Modification of the Certificate of Need for the White Oak Medical Center from Adventist Healthcare (Docket No. 13-15-2349). The Request for Modification is based on the Adventist Healthcare Proposal for Healthcare Services in Takoma Park. This proposal is endorsed by the City following several months of robust discussion between Adventist Healthcare and City leadership.

The services offered by Adventist Healthcare (AHC) to replace the urgent care center have evolved significantly since the AHC July 2021 modification request. The expanded scope of the new AHC services resulted from direct feedback from both Councilmembers and City staff as to what types of services our City residents would need to compensate for the loss of the urgent care center. We believe the updated proposal is much improved and will make a valuable contribution to the work of meeting the health care needs of the Takoma Park community. We thank the AHC executive team for their regular involvement in workgroup discussions since January 2021.

The AHC augmented proposal includes the establishment of a primary care office with embedded behavioral health counseling. AHC has also committed to donating a physical space for a behavioral health crisis response center that will be established through a partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Primary healthcare that is sustainable and preventative will benefit all of our residents.

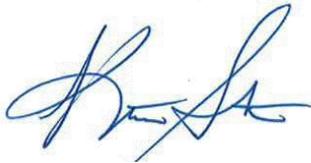
Behavioral healthcare for residents in crisis is another pressing need in our community. We look forward to supporting the enhanced proposal to be presented by the AHC team at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Maryland Healthcare Commission meeting.

The City of Takoma Park will continue to engage with Adventist Healthcare in partnership in the coming months to monitor the impact of these services on healthcare in our community and to facilitate the crisis response center. In particular, we look forward to updates from Adventist Healthcare on the volume of patients, the patients' demographic profiles and diagnoses, and the status of proposal implementation among other measurable outcomes.

We greatly appreciate the Maryland Healthcare Commission's ongoing efforts to work with the City and its healthcare stakeholders to ensure that the healthcare needs of our residents are met. Please let us know if there is any additional information we can provide.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kate Stewart for the Takoma Park City Council

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Jamal Fox, City Manager of Takoma Park

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