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Town of Mount Airy (Carroll County and Frederick County) - Urban Renewal Authority

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town of Mount Airy, Carroll County and Frederick 5 County, to undertake and carry out certain urban renewal projects for slum 6 clearance and redevelopment; prohibiting certain land or property from being taken 7 for certain purposes without just compensation first being paid to the party entitled 8 to the compensation; declaring that certain land or property taken in connection with 9 certain urban renewal powers is needed for public uses or purposes; authorizing the legislative body of the Town of Mount Airy by ordinance to elect to have certain urban 10 11 renewal powers exercised by a certain public body; imposing certain requirements 12 for the initiation and approval of an urban renewal area; providing for the disposal 13 of property in an urban renewal area; authorizing the municipal corporation to issue certain bonds under certain circumstances; clarifying that a certain appendix may 14 be amended or repealed only by the General Assembly of Maryland; defining certain 15 16 terms; and generally relating to urban renewal authority for slum clearance for the 17 Town of Mount Airy in Carroll County and Frederick County.

18 BY adding to

- 19 Chapter 99 – Charter of the Town of Mount Airy
- Section A1-101 through A1-114 and the heading "Appendix I Urban Renewal 20
- 21 Authority for Slum Clearance"
- 22 Public Local Laws of Maryland – Compilation of Municipal Charters
- 23 (2014 Replacement Edition, Revisions Current as of December 2016)
- 24SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 25 That the Public Local Laws of Maryland – Compilation of Municipal Charters read as
- 26 follows:

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Chapter 99 - Charter of the Town of Mount Airy



1 APPENDIX I – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE

- 2 **A1–101. DEFINITIONS.**
- 3 (A) IN THIS APPENDIX THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 4 INDICATED.
- 5 (B) "BLIGHTED AREA" MEANS AN AREA OR SINGLE PROPERTY IN WHICH
 6 THE BUILDING OR BUILDINGS HAVE DECLINED IN PRODUCTIVITY BY REASON OF
 7 OBSOLESCENCE, DEPRECIATION, OR OTHER CAUSES TO AN EXTENT THEY NO
 8 LONGER JUSTIFY FUNDAMENTAL REPAIRS AND ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE.
- 9 (C) "BONDS" MEANS ANY BONDS (INCLUDING REFUNDING BONDS), NOTES, 10 INTERIM CERTIFICATES, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, DEBENTURES, OR 11 OTHER OBLIGATIONS.
- 12 (D) "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR
 13 ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY, CORPORATE OR OTHERWISE, OF THE UNITED
 14 STATES OF AMERICA.
- 15 (E) "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS THE TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY, MARYLAND.
- 16 (F) "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP,
 17 CORPORATION, COMPANY, ASSOCIATION, JOINT STOCK ASSOCIATION, OR BODY
 18 POLITIC. IT INCLUDES ANY TRUSTEE, RECEIVER, ASSIGNEE, OR OTHER PERSON
 19 ACTING IN SIMILAR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY.
- 20 (G) "SLUM AREA" MEANS ANY AREA OR SINGLE PROPERTY WHERE 21**DWELLINGS PREDOMINATE** REASON WHICH, \mathbf{BY} \mathbf{OF} DEPRECIATION, 22OVERCROWDING, FAULTY ARRANGEMENT OR DESIGN, LACK OF VENTILATION, LIGHT, OR SANITARY FACILITIES, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE FACTORS, ARE 2324DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, OR MORALS.
- 25 (H) "URBAN RENEWAL AREA" MEANS A SLUM AREA OR A BLIGHTED AREA OR 26 A COMBINATION OF THEM WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY DESIGNATES AS APPROPRIATE FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT.
- (I) "Urban renewal plan" means a plan, as it exists from time to time, for an urban renewal project. The plan shall be sufficiently complete to indicate any land acquisition, demolition, and removal of structures, redevelopment, improvements, and rehabilitation as may be proposed to be carried out in the urban renewal area, zoning and planning changes, if any, land uses, maximum density, and building

1 REQUIREMENTS.

- 2 (J) "Urban renewal project" means undertakings and activities
- 3 OF A MUNICIPALITY IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA FOR THE ELIMINATION AND FOR
- 4 THE PREVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OR SPREAD OF SLUMS AND BLIGHT, AND
- 5 MAY INVOLVE SLUM CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT IN AN URBAN RENEWAL
- 6 AREA, OR REHABILITATION OR CONSERVATION IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, OR
- 7 ANY COMBINATION OR PART OF THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN URBAN RENEWAL
- 8 PLAN. THESE UNDERTAKINGS AND ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:
- 9 (1) ACQUISITION OF A SLUM AREA OR A BLIGHTED AREA OR PORTION
- 10 **OF THEM**;
- 11 (2) DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS;
- 12 (3) Installation, construction or reconstruction of
- 13 STREETS, UTILITIES, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS
- 14 NECESSARY FOR CARRYING OUT THE URBAN RENEWAL OBJECTIVES OF THIS
- 15 APPENDIX IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN;
- 16 (4) DISPOSITION OF ANY PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN THE URBAN
- 17 RENEWAL AREA, INCLUDING SALE, INITIAL LEASING, OR RETENTION BY THE
- 18 MUNICIPALITY ITSELF, AT ITS FAIR VALUE FOR USES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
- 19 URBAN RENEWAL PLAN;
- 20 (5) CARRYING OUT PLANS FOR A PROGRAM OF VOLUNTARY OR
- 21 COMPULSORY REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER
- 22 IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN;
- 23 (6) ACQUISITION OF ANY OTHER REAL PROPERTY IN THE URBAN
- 24 RENEWAL AREA WHERE NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE UNHEALTHFUL, UNSANITARY,
- 25 OR UNSAFE CONDITIONS, LESSEN DENSITY, ELIMINATE OBSOLETE OR OTHER USES
- 26 DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE, OR OTHERWISE TO REMOVE OR PREVENT
- 27 THE SPREAD OF BLIGHT OR DETERIORATION, OR TO PROVIDE LAND FOR NEEDED
- 28 PUBLIC FACILITIES; AND
- 29 (7) THE PRESERVATION, IMPROVEMENT, OR EMBELLISHMENT OF
- 30 HISTORIC STRUCTURES OR MONUMENTS.
- 31 **A1–102. POWERS.**
- 32 (A) THE MUNICIPALITY MAY UNDERTAKE AND CARRY OUT URBAN RENEWAL
- 33 **PROJECTS.**

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(B) THESE PROJECTS SHALL BE LIMITED:

- 2 (1) TO SLUM CLEARANCE IN SLUM OR BLIGHTED AREAS AND 3 REDEVELOPMENT OR THE REHABILITATION OF SLUM OR BLIGHTED AREAS;
- 4 (2) TO ACQUIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE PROJECTS, WITHIN
- 5 THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, LAND AND PROPERTY OF EVERY
- 6 KIND AND ANY RIGHT, INTEREST, FRANCHISE, EASEMENT, OR PRIVILEGE,
- 7 INCLUDING LAND OR PROPERTY AND ANY RIGHT OR INTEREST ALREADY DEVOTED
- 8 TO PUBLIC USE, BY PURCHASE, LEASE, GIFT, CONDEMNATION, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL
- 9 MEANS; AND
- 10 (3) TO SELL, LEASE, CONVEY, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF
- 11 ANY OF THE LAND OR PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS BEEN
- 12 DEVELOPED, REDEVELOPED, ALTERED, OR IMPROVED AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
- 13 MANNER OR MEANS IN OR BY WHICH IT MAY HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED, TO ANY PRIVATE,
- 14 PUBLIC, OR QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, PERSON,
- 15 OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY.
- 16 (C) LAND OR PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE MUNICIPALITY FOR ANY OF THESE
- 17 PURPOSES OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXERCISE OF ANY OF THE POWERS WHICH
- 18 ARE GRANTED BY THIS APPENDIX TO THE MUNICIPALITY BY EXERCISING THE
- 19 POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN MAY NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION,
- 20 AS AGREED ON BETWEEN THE PARTIES, OR AWARDED BY A JURY, BEING FIRST PAID
- 21 OR TENDERED TO THE PARTY ENTITLED TO THE COMPENSATION.
- 22 (D) ALL LAND OR PROPERTY NEEDED OR TAKEN BY THE EXERCISE OF THE
- 23 POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY THE MUNICIPALITY FOR ANY OF THESE PURPOSES
- 24 OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXERCISE OF ANY OF THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS
- 25 APPENDIX IS DECLARED TO BE NEEDED OR TAKEN FOR PUBLIC USES AND
- 26 PURPOSES.
- 27 (E) ANY OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS
- 28 APPENDIX CONSTITUTE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS UNDERTAKEN FOR PUBLIC
- 29 USES AND PURPOSES AND THE POWER OF TAXATION MAY BE EXERCISED, PUBLIC
- 30 FUNDS EXPENDED, AND PUBLIC CREDIT EXTENDED IN FURTHERANCE OF THEM.
- 31 A1-103. ADDITIONAL POWERS.
- THE MUNICIPALITY HAS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POWERS. THESE
- 33 POWERS ARE DECLARED TO BE NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY INTO FULL
- 34 FORCE AND EFFECT THE SPECIFIC POWERS GRANTED IN THIS APPENDIX AND TO

- FULLY ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTS CONTEMPLATED BY THE 1
- 2 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION:
- 3 **(1)** TO MAKE OR HAVE MADE ALL SURVEYS AND PLANS NECESSARY TO
- THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS APPENDIX AND TO ADOPT OR 4
- APPROVE, MODIFY, AND AMEND THOSE PLANS. THESE PLANS MAY INCLUDE, BUT 5
- ARE NOT LIMITED TO: 6
- 7 (I)PLANS FOR CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM OF VOLUNTARY OR
- 8 COMPULSORY REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS;
- PLANS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF 9 (II)CODES
- REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF LAND AND THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF 10
- 11 BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND \mathbf{TO} \mathbf{THE} COMPULSORY
- 12 REHABILITATION, DEMOLITION, OR REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS;
- 13 AND
- (III) APPRAISALS, TITLE SEARCHES, SURVEYS, STUDIES, AND 14
- OTHER PLANS AND WORK NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF 15
- URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES; AND TO APPLY FOR, 16
- 17 ACCEPT, AND UTILIZE GRANTS OF FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR
- 18 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY FOR THOSE PURPOSES;
- 19 TO PREPARE PLANS FOR THE RELOCATION OF PERSONS
- 20 (INCLUDING FAMILIES, BUSINESS CONCERNS, AND OTHERS) DISPLACED FROM AN
- URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AND TO MAKE RELOCATION PAYMENTS TO OR WITH 21
- 22RESPECT TO THOSE PERSONS FOR MOVING EXPENSES AND LOSSES OF PROPERTY
- FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT OR COMPENSATION IS NOT OTHERWISE MADE,
- 23
- 24INCLUDING THE MAKING OF PAYMENTS FINANCED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;
- TO APPROPRIATE WHATEVER FUNDS AND MAKE WHATEVER 25 **(3)**
- 26 EXPENDITURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS
- 27 APPENDIX, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED:
- 28 TO THE PAYMENT OF ANY AND ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES
- 29 INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENTAL TO, THE ACQUISITION OF LAND
- OR PROPERTY, AND FOR THE DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, RELOCATION, RENOVATION, 30
- 31 OR ALTERATION OF LAND, BUILDINGS, STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ALLEYS, UTILITIES, OR
- 32 SERVICES, AND OTHER STRUCTURES OR IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOR THE
- CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, RELOCATION, OR REPAIR OF 33
- 34 STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ALLEYS, UTILITIES, OR SERVICES, IN CONNECTION WITH
- 35 **URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS;**

- 1 (II) TO LEVY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THOSE PURPOSES;
- 2 (III) TO BORROW MONEY AND TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
- 3 ADVANCES, LOANS, GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ANY OTHER FORM OF FINANCIAL
- 4 ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, COUNTY, OR OTHER
- 5 PUBLIC BODIES, OR FROM ANY SOURCES, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, FOR THE PURPOSES
- 6 OF THIS APPENDIX, AND TO GIVE WHATEVER SECURITY AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR
- 7 THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; AND
- 8 (IV) TO INVEST ANY URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS HELD IN RESERVES
- 9 OR SINKING FUNDS OR ANY OF THESE FUNDS NOT REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE
- 10 DISBURSEMENT IN PROPERTY OR SECURITIES WHICH ARE LEGAL INVESTMENTS FOR
- 11 OTHER MUNICIPAL FUNDS:
- 12 (4) (I) TO HOLD, IMPROVE, CLEAR, OR PREPARE FOR
- 13 REDEVELOPMENT ANY PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH URBAN
- 14 RENEWAL PROJECTS;
- 15 (II) TO MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, HYPOTHECATE, OR OTHERWISE
- 16 ENCUMBER THAT PROPERTY; AND
- 17 (III) TO INSURE OR PROVIDE FOR THE INSURANCE OF THE
- 18 PROPERTY OR OPERATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AGAINST ANY RISKS OR
- 19 HAZARDS, INCLUDING THE POWER TO PAY PREMIUMS ON ANY INSURANCE;
- 20 (5) TO MAKE AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND OTHER
- 21 INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWERS
- 22 UNDER THIS APPENDIX, INCLUDING THE POWER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
- 23 OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OR AGENCIES (THESE AGREEMENTS MAY EXTEND OVER ANY
- 24 PERIOD, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OR RULE OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY),
- 25 AND TO INCLUDE IN ANY CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE
- 26 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR OR WITH RESPECT TO AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT
- 27 AND RELATED ACTIVITIES ANY CONDITIONS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAWS
- 28 AS THE MUNICIPALITY CONSIDERS REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE;
- 29 (6) TO ENTER INTO ANY BUILDING OR PROPERTY IN ANY URBAN
- 30 RENEWAL AREA IN ORDER TO MAKE INSPECTIONS, SURVEYS, APPRAISALS,
- 31 SOUNDINGS, OR TEST BORINGS, AND TO OBTAIN AN ORDER FOR THIS PURPOSE FROM
- 32 THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS SITUATED IN
- 33 THE EVENT ENTRY IS DENIED OR RESISTED;
- 34 (7) TO PLAN, REPLAN, INSTALL, CONSTRUCT, RECONSTRUCT,
- 35 REPAIR, CLOSE, OR VACATE STREETS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES,

- 1 PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
- 2 AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT; AND TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS FROM BUILDING
- 3 REGULATIONS;
- 4 (8) TO GENERALLY ORGANIZE, COORDINATE, AND DIRECT THE
- 5 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS APPENDIX AS THEY APPLY TO THE
- 6 MUNICIPALITY IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF REMEDYING SLUM AND
- 7 BLIGHTED AREAS AND PREVENTING ITS CAUSES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY MAY BE
- 8 PROMOTED AND ACHIEVED MOST EFFECTIVELY; AND
- 9 (9) TO EXERCISE ALL OR ANY PART OR COMBINATION OF THE
- 10 POWERS GRANTED IN THIS APPENDIX.
- 11 A1–104. ESTABLISHMENT OF URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY.
- 12 (A) A MUNICIPALITY MAY ITSELF EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS GRANTED BY
- 13 THIS APPENDIX, OR MAY, IF ITS LEGISLATIVE BODY BY ORDINANCE DETERMINES
- 14 THE ACTION TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, ELECT TO HAVE THE POWERS
- 15 EXERCISED BY A SEPARATE PUBLIC BODY OR AGENCY.
- 16 (B) IN THE EVENT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY MAKES THAT DETERMINATION,
- 17 IT SHALL PROCEED BY ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC BODY OR AGENCY TO
- 18 UNDERTAKE IN THE MUNICIPALITY THE ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THIS
- 19 APPENDIX.
- 20 (C) THE ORDINANCE SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING THE
- 21 NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR AGENCY, THE MANNER OF THEIR
- 22 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, AND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS AND THEIR
- 23 COMPENSATION.
- 24 (D) THE ORDINANCE MAY INCLUDE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS
- 25 RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR AGENCY AS MAY BE
- 26 NECESSARY.
- 27 (E) IN THE EVENT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY ENACTS THIS ORDINANCE, ALL
- 28 OF THE POWERS BY THIS APPENDIX GRANTED TO THE MUNICIPALITY, FROM THE
- 29 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE, ARE VESTED IN THE PUBLIC BODY OR AGENCY
- 30 ESTABLISHED BY THE ORDINANCE.
- 31 A1–105. POWERS WITHHELD FROM THE AGENCY.
- 32 THE AGENCY MAY NOT:

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- 1 (1) PASS A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS A1–102 AND A1–103 OF THIS APPENDIX;
- 3 (2) ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 A1–111 OF THIS APPENDIX; OR
- 5 (3) APPROPRIATE FUNDS OR LEVY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS 6 PURSUANT TO SECTION A1–103(3) OF THIS APPENDIX.
- 7 A1–106. INITIATION OF PROJECT.

THEREFOR IF IT FINDS THAT:

- 8 IN ORDER TO INITIATE AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, THE LEGISLATIVE 9 BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH:
- 10 (1) FINDS THAT ONE OR MORE SLUM OR BLIGHTED AREAS EXIST IN 11 THE MUNICIPALITY;
- 12 (2) LOCATES AND DEFINES THE SLUM OR BLIGHTED AREA; AND
- 13 (3) FINDS THAT THE REHABILITATION, REDEVELOPMENT, OR A
 14 COMBINATION OF THEM, OF THE AREA OR AREAS, IS NECESSARY AND IN THE
 15 INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, MORALS, OR WELFARE OF THE
 16 RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.
- 17 A1–107. Preparation and approval of plan for urban renewal project.
- 18 (A) IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS APPENDIX, THE 19 MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE PREPARED AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR SLUM OR 20BLIGHTED AREAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY, AND SHALL APPROVE THE PLAN 21FORMALLY. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN URBAN 22RENEWAL PROJECT AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE OF IT BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER 23 HAVING A GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE 24MUNICIPALITY. THE NOTICE SHALL DESCRIBE THE TIME, DATE, PLACE, AND PURPOSE OF THE HEARING, SHALL GENERALLY IDENTIFY THE URBAN RENEWAL 25 26 AREA COVERED BY THE PLAN, AND SHALL OUTLINE THE GENERAL SCOPE OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION. FOLLOWING THE HEARING, 27 28 THE MUNICIPALITY MAY APPROVE AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND THE PLAN
- (1) A FEASIBLE METHOD EXISTS FOR THE LOCATION OF ANY FAMILIES OR NATURAL PERSONS WHO WILL BE DISPLACED FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY DWELLING ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN THEIR MEANS AND WITHOUT UNDUE HARDSHIP TO THE FAMILIES OR

1 NATURAL PERSONS;

- 2 (2) THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN CONFORMS SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE 3 MASTER PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS A WHOLE; AND
- 4 (3) THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN WILL AFFORD MAXIMUM 5 OPPORTUNITY, CONSISTENT WITH THE SOUND NEEDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS A 6 WHOLE, FOR THE REHABILITATION OR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE URBAN RENEWAL 7 AREA BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
- 8 AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN MAY BE MODIFIED AT ANY TIME. IF 9 MODIFIED AFTER THE LEASE OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AREA, THE MODIFICATION MAY BE CONDITIONED ON WHATEVER 10 APPROVAL OF THE OWNER, LESSEE, OR SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST AS THE 11 12 MUNICIPALITY CONSIDERS ADVISABLE. IN ANY EVENT, IT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO 13 WHATEVER RIGHTS AT LAW OR IN EQUITY AS A LESSEE OR PURCHASER, OR THE SUCCESSOR OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, MAY BE ENTITLED TO ASSERT. WHERE 14 THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION WILL CHANGE SUBSTANTIALLY THE URBAN 15 RENEWAL PLAN AS APPROVED PREVIOUSLY BY THE MUNICIPALITY, THE 16 MODIFICATION SHALL BE APPROVED FORMALLY BY THE MUNICIPALITY, AS IN THE 17 18 CASE OF AN ORIGINAL PLAN.
- 19 (C) ON THE APPROVAL BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
 20 OR OF ANY MODIFICATION OF IT, THE PLAN OR MODIFICATION SHALL BE
 21 CONSIDERED TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FOR THE RESPECTIVE URBAN
 22 RENEWAL AREA. THE MUNICIPALITY MAY HAVE THE PLAN OR MODIFICATION
 23 CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS.
- 24 A1-108. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY IN URBAN RENEWAL AREA.
- 25THE MUNICIPALITY, BY ORDINANCE, MAY SELL, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE 26 TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY OR ANY INTEREST IN IT ACQUIRED BY IT FOR AN URBAN 27 RENEWAL PROJECT TO ANY PERSON FOR RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL, 28 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, EDUCATIONAL, OR OTHER USES OR FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IT MAY RETAIN THE PROPERTY OR INTEREST FOR PUBLIC USE, IN ACCORDANCE 29 WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND SUBJECT TO WHATEVER COVENANTS, 30 CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING COVENANTS RUNNING WITH THE 31 LAND, AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO ASSIST IN PREVENTING THE 32 33 DEVELOPMENT OR SPREAD OF FUTURE SLUMS OR BLIGHTED AREAS OR TO OTHERWISE CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS APPENDIX. THE PURCHASERS OR 34 35 LESSEES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO DEVOTE 36 THE REAL PROPERTY ONLY TO THE USES SPECIFIED IN THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, 37 AND MAY BE OBLIGATED TO COMPLY WITH WHATEVER OTHER REQUIREMENTS THE

MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, INCLUDING THE 1 2 OBLIGATION TO BEGIN WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME ANY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE 3 REAL PROPERTY REQUIRED BY THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. THE REAL PROPERTY 4 OR INTEREST MAY NOT BE SOLD, LEASED, OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, OR RETAINED AT LESS THAN ITS FAIR VALUE FOR USES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE URBAN 5 6 RENEWAL PLAN. IN DETERMINING THE FAIR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USES 7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL TAKE 8 INTO ACCOUNT AND GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE USES PROVIDED IN THE PLAN, 9 THE RESTRICTIONS ON, AND THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY THE PURCHASER OR LESSEE OR BY THE MUNICIPALITY RETAINING THE 10 PROPERTY, AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE 11 12 RECURRENCE OF SLUM OR BLIGHTED AREAS. IN ANY INSTRUMENT OR CONVEYANCE TO A PRIVATE PURCHASER OR LESSEE, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY PROVIDE THAT THE 13 PURCHASER OR LESSEE MAY NOT SELL, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE REAL 14 15 PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY UNTIL 16 THE PURCHASER OR LESSEE HAS COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY OR ALL IMPROVEMENTS WHICH THE PURCHASER OR LESSEE HAS BEEN OBLIGATED TO 17 CONSTRUCT ON THE PROPERTY. REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY 18 WHICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, IS 19 20 TO BE TRANSFERRED, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED AS RAPIDLY AS FEASIBLE IN THE 21PUBLIC INTEREST CONSISTENT WITH THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PROVISIONS OF 22THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. ANY CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSFER AND THE URBAN 23RENEWAL PLAN (OR ANY PART OR PARTS OF THE CONTRACT OR PLAN AS THE 24 MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES) MAY BE RECORDED IN THE LAND RECORDS OF THE 25 COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS SITUATED IN A MANNER SO AS TO AFFORD ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE OF IT. 26

27 THE MUNICIPALITY, BY ORDINANCE, MAY DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA TO PRIVATE PERSONS. THE MUNICIPALITY MAY, BY 2829PUBLIC NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING A GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COMMUNITY, INVITE PROPOSALS FROM AND MAKE AVAILABLE 30 31 ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION TO PRIVATE REDEVELOPERS OR ANY PERSONS 32INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING TO REDEVELOP OR REHABILITATE AN URBAN 33 RENEWAL AREA, OR ANY PART THEREOF. THE NOTICE SHALL IDENTIFY THE AREA, OR PORTION THEREOF, AND SHALL STATE THAT PROPOSALS SHALL BE MADE BY 34 THOSE INTERESTED WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL 35 36 CONSIDER ALL REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION PROPOSALS AND THE 37 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ABILITY OF THE PERSONS MAKING PROPOSALS TO CARRY 38 THEM OUT, AND MAY NEGOTIATE WITH ANY PERSONS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 39 PURCHASE, LEASE, OR OTHER TRANSFER OF ANY REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY 40 THE MUNICIPALITY IN THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA. THE MUNICIPALITY MAY ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL AS IT DEEMS TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND IN FURTHERANCE 41OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS APPENDIX. THEREAFTER, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY 42

- 1 EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS, DEEDS, LEASES, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS
- 2 AND TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFERS.
- 3 (C) THE MUNICIPALITY MAY OPERATE TEMPORARILY AND MAINTAIN REAL
- 4 PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY IT IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA FOR OR IN CONNECTION
- 5 WITH AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT PENDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY
- 6 AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS APPENDIX, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PROVISIONS OF
- 7 SUBSECTION (A), FOR USES AND PURPOSES CONSIDERED DESIRABLE EVEN THOUGH
- 8 NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN.
- 9 (D) ANY INSTRUMENT EXECUTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND PURPORTING
- 10 TO CONVEY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN ANY PROPERTY UNDER THIS
- 11 APPENDIX SHALL BE PRESUMED CONCLUSIVELY TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN
- 12 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS APPENDIX INSOFAR AS TITLE OR
- 13 OTHER INTEREST OF ANY BONA FIDE PURCHASERS, LESSEES, OR TRANSFEREES OF
- 14 THE PROPERTY IS CONCERNED.
- 15 **A1–109. EMINENT DOMAIN.**
- 16 CONDEMNATION OF LAND OR PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
- 17 APPENDIX SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE PROVIDED IN THE
- 18 REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.
- 19 A1–110. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
- THE MUNICIPALITY, TO THE EXTENT IT DETERMINES TO BE FEASIBLE IN
- 21 CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS APPENDIX, SHALL AFFORD MAXIMUM
- 22 OPPORTUNITY TO THE REHABILITATION OR REDEVELOPMENT OF ANY URBAN
- 23 RENEWAL AREA BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CONSISTENT WITH THE SOUND NEEDS OF
- 24 THE MUNICIPALITY AS A WHOLE. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION
- 25 TO THIS OBJECTIVE IN EXERCISING ITS POWERS UNDER THIS APPENDIX.
- 26 A1–111. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.
- FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND CARRYING OUT AN URBAN RENEWAL
- 28 PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY ISSUE AND SELL ITS
- 29 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. ANY BONDS ISSUED BY THE MUNICIPALITY
- 30 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE MANNER AND WITHIN THE
- 31 LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY APPLICABLE LAW FOR THE ISSUANCE AND
- 32 AUTHORIZATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE MUNICIPALITY, AND
- 33 ALSO WITHIN LIMITATIONS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.
- 34 **A1–112. REVENUE BONDS.**

- IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY SECTION A1–111 OF 1 2THIS APPENDIX, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE THE 3 UNDERTAKING OF ANY URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. ALSO, IT MAY ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS FOR THE PAYMENT OR RETIREMENT OF THE 4 BONDS ISSUED PREVIOUSLY BY IT. THE BONDS SHALL BE MADE PAYABLE, AS TO 5 BOTH PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, SOLELY FROM THE INCOME, PROCEEDS, 6 REVENUES, AND FUNDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY DERIVED FROM OR HELD IN 8 CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERTAKING AND CARRYING OUT OF URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS UNDER THIS APPENDIX. HOWEVER, PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, BOTH AS 9 TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, MAY BE FURTHER SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF ANY 10 LOAN, GRANT, OR CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER 11 SOURCE, IN AID OF ANY URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY UNDER 12 THIS APPENDIX, AND BY A MORTGAGE OF ANY URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, OR ANY 13 14 PART OF A PROJECT, TITLE TO WHICH IS IN THE MUNICIPALITY. IN ADDITION, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY ENTER INTO AN INDENTURE OF TRUST WITH ANY PRIVATE 15 BANKING INSTITUTION OF THIS STATE HAVING TRUST POWERS AND MAY MAKE IN 16 THE INDENTURE OF TRUST COVENANTS AND COMMITMENTS REQUIRED BY ANY 17 PURCHASER FOR THE ADEQUATE SECURITY OF THE BONDS. 18
- 19 BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY 20 21DEBT LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ANY 22 OTHER LAW OR CHARTER RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE, OR SALE 23 OF BONDS, AND ARE EXEMPTED SPECIFICALLY FROM THE RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN §§ 19–205 AND 19–206 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF 2425THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. BONDS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS APPENDIX ARE DECLARED TO BE ISSUED FOR AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC AND 26 27GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE AND, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST ON THEM AND INCOME 28 FROM THEM, ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL TAXES.
- 29 (C) BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY 30 RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY. 31 THEY MAY BE ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AND SHALL:
- 32 (1) BEAR A DATE OR DATES;
- 33 (2) MATURE AT A TIME OR TIMES;
- 34 (3) BEAR INTEREST AT A RATE OR RATES;
- 35 (4) BE IN A DENOMINATION OR DENOMINATIONS;

- 1 (5) BE IN A FORM EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT COUPON OR 2 REGISTERED;
- 3 (6) CARRY A CONVERSION OR REGISTRATION PRIVILEGE;
- 4 (7) HAVE A RANK OR PRIORITY;
- 5 (8) BE EXECUTED IN A MANNER;
- 6 (9) BE PAYABLE IN A MEDIUM OF PAYMENT, AT A PLACE OR PLACES,
 7 AND BE SUBJECT TO TERMS OF REDEMPTION (WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM);
- 8 (10) BE SECURED IN A MANNER; AND
- 9 (11) HAVE OTHER CHARACTERISTICS, AS ARE PROVIDED BY THE 10 RESOLUTION, TRUST INDENTURE, OR MORTGAGE ISSUED PURSUANT TO IT.
- THESE BONDS MAY NOT BE SOLD AT LESS THAN PAR VALUE AT PUBLIC 11 (D) 12 SALES WHICH ARE HELD AFTER NOTICE IS PUBLISHED PRIOR TO THE SALE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING A GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE 13 14 MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED AND IN WHATEVER OTHER MEDIUM OF PUBLICATION AS THE MUNICIPALITY MAY DETERMINE. THE BONDS MAY BE EXCHANGED ALSO FOR 15 OTHER BONDS ON THE BASIS OF PAR. HOWEVER, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE SOLD TO 16 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT PRIVATE SALE AT LESS THAN PAR, AND, IN THE 17 EVENT LESS THAN ALL OF THE AUTHORIZED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE BONDS IS 18 SOLD TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE BALANCE MAY NOT BE SOLD AT PRIVATE 19 20 SALE AT LESS THAN PAR AT AN INTEREST COST TO THE MUNICIPALITY WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED THE INTEREST COST TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE PORTION OF THE 2122BONDS SOLD TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
- 23 IN CASE ANY OF THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHOSE 24 SIGNATURES APPEAR ON ANY BONDS OR COUPONS ISSUED UNDER THIS APPENDIX 25 CEASE TO BE OFFICIALS OF THE MUNICIPALITY BEFORE THE DELIVERY OF THE 26 BONDS OR IN THE EVENT ANY OF THE OFFICIALS HAVE BECOME SUCH AFTER THE 27 DATE OF ISSUE OF THEM, THE BONDS ARE VALID AND BINDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TERMS. ANY PROVISION OF ANY LAW 28 29 TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, ANY BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS 30 APPENDIX ARE FULLY NEGOTIABLE.
- 31 (F) IN ANY SUIT, ACTION, OR PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE VALIDITY OR
 32 ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY BOND ISSUED UNDER THIS APPENDIX, OR THE SECURITY
 33 FOR IT, ANY BOND WHICH RECITES IN SUBSTANCE THAT IT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE
 34 MUNICIPALITY IN CONNECTION WITH AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT SHALL BE

- 1 CONSIDERED CONCLUSIVELY TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THE
- 2 PROJECT SHALL BE CONSIDERED CONCLUSIVELY TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED,
- 3 LOCATED, AND CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
- 4 APPENDIX.
- ALL BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, BANKERS, SAVINGS BANKS, AND 5 INSTITUTIONS, BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, SAVINGS AND LOAN 6 ASSOCIATIONS, INVESTMENT COMPANIES, AND OTHER PERSONS CARRYING ON A 8 BANKING OR INVESTMENT BUSINESS; ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS, AND OTHER PERSONS CARRYING ON AN INSURANCE BUSINESS; AND 9 EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, CURATORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER 10 FIDUCIARIES, MAY LEGALLY INVEST ANY SINKING FUNDS, MONEYS, OR OTHER 11 FUNDS BELONGING TO THEM OR WITHIN THEIR CONTROL IN ANY BONDS OR OTHER 12 OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO THIS APPENDIX. 13 14 HOWEVER, THE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE SECURED BY AN 15 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ISSUER AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE ISSUER AGREES TO BORROW FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FEDERAL 16 GOVERNMENT AGREES TO LEND TO THE ISSUER, PRIOR TO THE MATURITY OF THE 17 BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS, MONEYS IN AN AMOUNT WHICH (TOGETHER WITH 18 ANY OTHER MONEYS COMMITTED IRREVOCABLY TO THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL 19 20 AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS) WILL SUFFICE TO PAY THE 21PRINCIPAL OF THE BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS WITH INTEREST TO MATURITY 22 ON THEM. THE MONEYS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE 23 REQUIRED TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND THE 24INTEREST ON THE BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS AT THEIR MATURITY. THE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED SECURITY FOR ALL PUBLIC 2526 DEPOSITS. THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES ANY PERSONS OR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE 27 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND OFFICERS TO USE ANY FUNDS OWNED OR 28CONTROLLED BY THEM FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANY BONDS OR OTHER 29OBLIGATIONS. WITH REGARD TO LEGAL INVESTMENTS, THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO RELIEVE ANY PERSON OF ANY DUTY OF EXERCISING REASONABLE 30
- 32 **A1–113. SHORT TITLE.**

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- THIS APPENDIX SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE MOUNT AIRY
 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE ACT.
- 35 A1-114. AUTHORITY TO AMEND OR REPEAL.

CARE IN SELECTING SECURITIES.

THIS APPENDIX, ENACTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 61 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, MAY BE AMENDED OR REPEALED ONLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.