

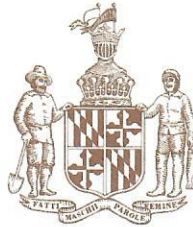
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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 10, 2020

HB 1385 Town of Mount Airy (Carroll County and Frederick County)

– Urban Renewal Authority

Dear Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein and Environment and Transportation Committee members:

I am representing the Frederick County Delegation with the endorsement of the Carroll County Delegation to present the request for Urban Renewal Authority for Mount Airy, while Mount Airy spans both counties it is entirely in Legislative District 4. This authority request is routine and if passed Mount Airy will become the 68st of Maryland's 157 municipalities to be granted such authority.

Specifically, this bill authorizes the Town of Mount Airy to undertake urban renewal projects for slum clearance by exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire properties in blighted areas. The town may not initiate an urban renewal project unless its legislative body adopts a resolution that defines the area and finds that rehabilitation or redevelopment is necessary and in the public's interest. Condemnation of land or property under the bill must be in accordance with the procedure set forth in State law. Further, the bill sets forth procedures for taking the property, funds which may be used to do so, and disposition of the property, including authorization to dispose of it to private persons. Property may not be taken without just compensation, either as agreed upon by the parties or awarded by a jury.

Today I have with me David Warrington, the town administrator of Mount Airy, who in a previous town administrator position worked with the Prince George's delegation to grant Cheverly the same Urban Renewal Authority.

Since this is a simple request that has been granted by the state legislature on numerous occasions, I would request that a timely favorable report will be granted so that this bill can cross over to the Senate for due consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dan Cox

DELEGATE JESSE T. PIPPY
CHAIR

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VICE CHAIR



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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FREDERICK COUNTY DELEGATION

February 6, 2020

Honorable Delegate Kumar P. Barve
Chairman Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
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Re: Frederick County Delegation Letter of Support – HB1385

Chairman Barve,

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, the Frederick County Delegation held a public meeting, and voted by the majority to approve HB1385 (Town of Mount Airy (Carroll County and Frederick County) - Urban Renewal Authority).

This letter is to confirm that this legislation has the support of the Frederick County Delegation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Jesse T. Pippy, consisting of stylized initials.

Del. Jesse T. Pippy – Chair

A blue ink signature of Ronald L. Young, written in a cursive style.

Sen. Ronald L. Young – Vice Chair

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CARROLL COUNTY DELEGATION

January 29, 2020

The Honorable Delegate Jesse Pippy
Chairman of the Frederick County Delegation
6 Bladen Street, Room 326
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Mayor Patrick Rockinberg
The Town of Mount Airy
110 S Main Street
Mount Airy, MD 21771

To Whom It May Concern:

The Carroll County Delegation would like to express our strong support and endorsement for the legislation that would grant Urban Renewal Authority to Mount Airy.

We concur with the Frederick County Delegation and the Town of Mount Airy that this power would allow them to work in a meaningful way to convince owners of blighted properties to enter into meaningful dialogue with town officials in order to find solutions to their property issues which are affecting the surrounding properties.

We strongly urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haven Shoemaker".

Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Chair, Carroll County Delegation