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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Annexation Planning and Procedures Act of 2006**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county and a municipal corporation to enter into a
4 joint planning agreement under certain circumstances; providing for the process
5 by which a county and a municipal corporation may enter into a joint planning
6 agreement; providing for the contents of a certain joint planning agreement;
7 requiring a county and a municipal corporation to each designate certain
8 representatives that are authorized and competent to discuss certain issues
9 with regard to a certain joint planning agreement; requiring a county and a
10 municipal corporation to create a certain meeting schedule under certain
11 circumstances; requiring certain representatives to negotiate in good faith and
12 share certain information regarding a certain joint planning agreement;
13 requiring a county to provide a written response to a municipal corporation
14 containing the reasons for disagreement over a joint planning agreement under
15 certain circumstances; providing for mediation between a county and a
16 municipal corporation when the parties do not agree on the contents of a certain
17 joint planning agreement; requiring a county and a municipal corporation to
18 enact ordinances to adopt a certain joint planning agreement under certain
19 circumstances; prohibiting a county and a municipal corporation from enacting
20 ordinances to adopt a certain joint planning agreement during a certain time
21 period; requiring a county and a municipal corporation to send a copy of a
22 certain joint planning agreement to the Department of Planning under certain
23 circumstances; requiring a county and a municipal corporation to integrate a
24 certain joint planning agreement into their respective comprehensive master
25 plans under certain circumstances; providing for a time period during which a
26 certain joint planning agreement shall be effective; authorizing a county and a
27 municipal corporation to agree on a process to amend a certain joint planning
28 agreement; prohibiting a municipal corporation that annexes land that is not
29 within a certain growth boundary from placing the land in a zoning
30 classification that permits a land use or density that is substantially different
31 from the land use or density in the current zoning classification during a certain
32 time period under certain circumstances; providing that if certain annexed land
33 is within a certain growth boundary a municipal corporation may place the
34 annexed land in a zoning classification that permits certain land uses or

1 densities under certain circumstances; providing that certain land annexed by a
2 municipal corporation is subject to the county adequate public facilities
3 ordinance under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons who reside
4 within a certain distance outside an area proposed to be annexed and outside
5 the municipal corporation to petition a certain annexation resolution to a
6 referendum under certain circumstances; altering the ability of a county to
7 petition a certain annexation resolution to a referendum under certain
8 circumstances; altering to whom a referendum is submitted when a county
9 petitions an annexation resolution to a referendum under certain circumstances;
10 requiring a municipal corporation to enter into a certain annexation agreement
11 with certain persons under certain circumstances; providing that a certain
12 county is a party to a certain annexation agreement for certain purposes under
13 certain circumstances; providing for the contents of an annexation agreement;
14 repealing certain provisions relating to a certain outline for the extension of
15 services and public facilities; requiring a municipal corporation to provide a
16 certain annexation plan when enacting a certain annexation resolution under
17 certain circumstances; providing for the contents of a certain annexation plan;
18 providing that the annexation plan shall be open to public review and public
19 hearing; requiring the municipal corporation to provide a certain annexation
20 resolution, annexation agreement, and annexation plan to certain persons
21 within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; requiring a county
22 to pay for the expense of a certain referendum under certain circumstances;
23 requiring a county to amend its water and sewer plan to allow for the extension
24 of municipal water and sewer service to certain annexed land under certain
25 circumstances; providing for the construction of this Act; repealing a certain
26 obsolete provision; and generally relating to joint planning agreements entered
27 into by a county and a municipal corporation and municipal annexations.

28 BY adding to
29 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
30 Section 6
31 Annotated Code of Maryland
32 (2005 Replacement Volume)

33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
34 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
35 Section 9(c) and 19
36 Annotated Code of Maryland
37 (2005 Replacement Volume)

38 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
39 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

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2 6.

3 (A) (1) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO
4 THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PLANNING
5 AGREEMENT.

6 (2) THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT
7 SHALL INCLUDE:

8 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF PAST GROWTH PATTERNS OF THE
9 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;

10 (II) AN ANALYSIS OF THE CAPACITY OF LAND AREAS AVAILABLE
11 FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, INCLUDING IN-FILL
12 AND REDEVELOPMENT;

13 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE JOINT
14 PLANNING AGREEMENT TO A LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR PROMOTING
15 AN ORDERLY EXPANSION OF GROWTH AND AN EFFICIENT USE OF LAND AND PUBLIC
16 SERVICES;

17 (IV) AN ANALYSIS OF THE LAND AREA NEEDED TO SATISFY
18 DEMAND FOR DEVELOPMENT AT DENSITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG TERM
19 DEVELOPMENT POLICY;

20 (V) A PROPOSAL FOR A GROWTH BOUNDARY BEYOND THE
21 EXISTING BORDERS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITHIN WHICH FUTURE
22 ANNEXATIONS ARE PLANNED;

23 (VI) A DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNER AND TIMING BY WHICH THE
24 NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE PROVIDED TO AREAS
25 WITHIN THE PROPOSED GROWTH BOUNDARY, INCLUDING THOSE NECESSARY FOR:

26 1. PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE
27 STUDENT POPULATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE RATED CAPACITY STANDARDS
28 ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION;

29 2. LIBRARIES;

30 3. PUBLIC SAFETY, INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
31 RESPONSE;

32 4. WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES;

33 5. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, SUFFICIENT TO
34 ASSURE WATER QUALITY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED GROWTH
35 BOUNDARY; AND

36 6. RECREATION;

1 (VII) A PLAN FOR PROTECTING SENSITIVE AREAS, AS DEFINED IN
2 ARTICLE 66B, § 1(J) OF THE CODE, THAT COULD BE IMPACTED BY DEVELOPMENT
3 PLANNED WITHIN THE PROPOSED GROWTH BOUNDARY;

4 (VIII) AN ANALYSIS OF ANY BURDEN ON SERVICES AND
5 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WHICH THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WOULD BE
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS PROXIMATE TO AND OUTSIDE THE
7 PROPOSED GROWTH BOUNDARY; AND

8 (IX) A DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LONG TERM
9 DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO A VISION OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S FUTURE
10 CHARACTER.

11 (3) THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE
12 REQUEST TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING.

13 (B) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PLANNING
14 AGREEMENT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
15 SECTION, THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL:

16 (1) EACH DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE AUTHORIZED AND
17 COMPETENT TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION;
18 AND

19 (2) CREATE A MEETING SCHEDULE THAT SCHEDULES AT LEAST 3
20 MEETINGS WITHIN 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MEETING
21 SCHEDULE, UNLESS THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AGREE
22 OTHERWISE.

23 (C) THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL
24 CORPORATION SHALL NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND SHARE INFORMATION
25 NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (D) (1) IF THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DO NOT AGREE
27 ON A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST TO
28 ENTER INTO A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT IS SENT, THE MUNICIPAL
29 CORPORATION MAY REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDE TO THE MUNICIPAL
30 CORPORATION A WRITTEN RESPONSE CONTAINING THE REASONS FOR
31 DISAGREEMENT.

32 (2) IF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REQUESTS A WRITTEN RESPONSE
33 FROM A COUNTY CONTAINING THE REASONS FOR DISAGREEMENT, THE COUNTY
34 SHALL PROVIDE THE WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE
35 REQUEST.

36 (E) (1) IF THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DO NOT AGREE
37 ON A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST TO
38 ENTER INTO A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT IS SENT, AND EITHER PARTY DESIRES
39 MEDIATION, THE PARTIES SHALL ENGAGE IN A MEDIATION PROCESS UNDER THE
40 MARYLAND MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION OFFICE.

1 (2) UNLESS THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AGREE
2 OTHERWISE, THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL SHARE THE
3 COSTS OF THE MEDIATION EQUALLY.

4 (F) THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT SHALL:

5 (1) REFLECT THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTORS LISTED IN
6 SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

7 (2) INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION AND MAP OF THE GROWTH BOUNDARY FOR
8 THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

9 (G) (1) THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON
10 THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL
11 CORPORATION ADOPTING THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT.

12 (2) A COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT ENACT AN
13 ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TIME OF A
14 GENERAL ELECTION FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY
15 OR THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND THE INSTALLATION OF MEMBERS ELECTED
16 AT THE ELECTION.

17 (3) ON ENACTMENT OF THE ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY AND THE
18 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ADOPTING THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT, THE
19 COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL:

20 (I) JOINTLY SEND A COPY OF THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT
21 TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING; AND

22 (II) INTEGRATE THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT INTO THE
23 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLANS OF BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL
24 CORPORATION THROUGH AMENDMENT OF THOSE PLANS.

25 (4) A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR 10
26 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION OR AS AGREED ON BY THE COUNTY AND THE
27 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

28 (H) (1) THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY AGREE ON A
29 PROCESS TO AMEND A JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT.

30 (2) IF A COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMEND A JOINT
31 PLANNING AGREEMENT, THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL
32 JOINTLY SEND A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
33 PLANNING.

34 9.

35 (c) (1) A municipal corporation which is subject to the provisions of Article
36 XI-E of the Maryland Constitution may not amend its charter or exercise its powers
37 of annexation, incorporation or repeal of charter as to affect or impair in any respect

1 the powers relating to sanitation, including sewer, water and similar facilities, and
2 zoning, of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission or of the
3 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Except that where any
4 area is annexed to a municipality authorized to have and having then a planning and
5 zoning authority, the municipality shall have exclusive jurisdiction over planning and
6 zoning and subdivision control within the area annexed; provided nothing in this
7 exception shall be construed or interpreted to grant planning and zoning authority or
8 subdivision control to a municipality not authorized to exercise that authority at the
9 time of such annexation; and further provided, that no municipality annexing land
10 THAT IS NOT WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE
11 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE may for a
12 period of [five] TEN years following AN annexation, [place that land in a zoning
13 classification which permits a land use substantially different from the use for the
14 land specified in the current and duly adopted master plan or plans or if there is no
15 adopted or approved master plan, the adopted or approved general plan or plans of
16 the county or agency having planning and zoning jurisdiction over the land prior to its
17 annexation] DEVELOP THE ANNEXED LAND FOR A LAND USE OR AT A DENSITY
18 DIFFERENT FROM THE LAND USE OR DENSITY SPECIFIED IN THE ZONING
19 CLASSIFICATION OF THE COUNTY APPLICABLE AT THE TIME OF THE ANNEXATION
20 without the express approval of the board of county commissioners or county council
21 of the county in which the municipality is located.

22 (2) If the ANNEXED LAND IS WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY ADOPTED
23 BY THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6 OF
24 THIS ARTICLE OR IF THE county expressly approves, the municipality, without regard
25 to the provisions of Article 66B, § 4.05(a) of the Code, may place the annexed land in
26 a zoning classification that permits a land use [substantially] OR DENSITY different
27 from the LAND use [for the land] OR DENSITY specified in the [current and duly
28 adopted master plan or general plan] ZONING CLASSIFICATION of the county or
29 agency having planning and zoning jurisdiction over the land prior to its annexation
30 APPLICABLE AT THE TIME OF THE ANNEXATION.

31 (3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
32 PARAGRAPH, IF THE ANNEXED LAND IS NOT WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY
33 ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE
34 WITH § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE THE ANNEXED LAND IS SUBJECT TO ANY ADEQUATE
35 PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCE THAT THE COUNTY MAY HAVE ENACTED PRIOR TO
36 THE ANNEXATION.

37 (II) A COUNTY'S ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCE MAY
38 NOT APPLY TO LAND ANNEXED TO THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IF:

39 1. THE ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCE IMPOSES
40 MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS BASED SOLELY ON WHETHER PROPERTY IS LOCATED
41 WITHIN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; OR

42 2. THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ENTER
43 INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT STATING THAT THE ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES

1 ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE AREA ANNEXED TO THE MUNICIPAL
2 CORPORATION.

3 19.

4 (a) The legislative body, by whatever name known, of every municipal
5 corporation in this State may enlarge its corporate boundaries as provided in this
6 subheading; but this power shall apply only to land:

7 (1) Which is contiguous and adjoining to the existing corporate area; and

8 (2) Which does not create any unincorporated area which is bounded on
9 all sides by real property presently within the corporate limits of the municipality,
10 real property proposed to be within the corporate limits of the municipality as a result
11 of the proposed annexation, or any combination of such properties.

12 (b) [(1)] The proposal for change may be initiated by resolution regularly
13 introduced into the legislative body of the municipal corporation, in accordance with
14 the usual requirements and practices applicable to its legislative enactments, and
15 also in conformity with the several requirements contained in subsections (b) and (c)
16 of § 13 of this subtitle, but only after the legislative body has obtained the consent for
17 the proposal from not less than 25 percent of the persons who reside in the area to be
18 annexed and who are registered as voters in county elections and from the owners of
19 not less than 25 percent of the assessed valuation of the real property located in the
20 area to be annexed. The resolution shall describe by a survey of courses and distances,
21 and may also describe by landmarks and other well-known terms, the exact area
22 proposed to be included in the change, and shall contain complete and detailed
23 provisions as to the conditions and circumstances applicable to the change in
24 boundaries and to the residents and property within the area to be annexed.

25 [(2) (i) The requirements of paragraph (1) for consent of resident voters
26 and property owners do not apply if on or before January 1, 1983 the property to be
27 annexed is:

28 1. Bounded on all sides by real property presently within the
29 corporate limits of the municipality, and the entire area is to be included in the same
30 annexation;

31 2. The size of the area does not exceed 1.5 percent of the
32 present area of the municipal corporation; and

33 3. The number of residents in the area does not exceed 1
34 percent of the population of the municipal corporation.

35 (ii) A resolution of annexation under this paragraph is not subject
36 to the referendum provisions of subsection (f) of this section.

37 (iii) The provisions of this paragraph shall be of no effect and may
38 not be exercised after June 30, 1984.]

1 (c) The proposal for change also may be initiated by a written petition signed
2 by not less than twenty-five per centum (25%) of the persons who reside in the area
3 to be annexed and who are registered as voters in county elections in the precinct or
4 precincts in which the territory to be annexed is located, and by the owners of not less
5 than twenty-five per centum (25%) of the assessed valuation of the real property
6 located in the area to be annexed. Upon the presentation of a petition to the
7 legislative body of the municipal corporation, the presiding officer thereof shall cause
8 to be made a verification of the signatures thereon and shall ascertain that the
9 persons signing the petition represent at least twenty-five per centum (25%) of the
10 persons who reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in
11 county elections in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is
12 located, and the owners of twenty-five per centum (25%) of the assessed valuation of
13 the real property located in the area to be annexed. Upon verifying that the
14 requirements of this subsection have been complied with, the presiding officer of the
15 legislative body shall promptly cause to be introduced therein a resolution proposing
16 the change of boundaries as requested by the petition. The resolution in form and
17 content shall conform to the requirements of this section.

18 (d) After the introduction of the resolution into the legislative body of the
19 municipal corporation, the chief executive and administrative officer of the municipal
20 corporation shall cause a public notice thereof to be published not fewer than four
21 times or, if the total area of the proposed annexation is for 25 acres of land or less, not
22 fewer than two times, at not less than weekly intervals in a newspaper or newspapers
23 of general circulation in the municipal corporation and the area to be annexed, briefly
24 and accurately describing the proposed change and the conditions and circumstances
25 applicable. The public notices shall specify a time and place at which a public hearing
26 will be held by the legislative body on the resolution; the hearing shall be set for not
27 less than 15 days after the fourth publication of the notices or, if the total area of the
28 proposed annexation is for 25 acres of land or less, not less than 15 days after the
29 second publication of the notices, and shall be held either within the boundaries of the
30 municipal corporation or within the area to be annexed. The public hearing may be
31 continued or rescheduled for a subsequent time not to exceed 30 days from the day for
32 which the meeting was originally scheduled, or the day on which the hearing
33 commenced but was not completed. In the event of a continuation or rescheduling, a
34 single public notice shall be given at least seven days prior to the continued or
35 rescheduled date in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation
36 and in the area whose annexation is to be discussed, briefly and accurately describing
37 the property whose annexation is to be discussed, and specifying the day, time, and
38 place of the public hearing. Immediately upon the first publication of the public
39 notice, a copy of the public notice shall be provided to the governing body of the county
40 and any regional and State planning agencies having jurisdiction within the county.
41 Each of these agencies and jurisdictions shall have the first right to be heard at the
42 scheduled public hearing, after which the hearing shall be open to the general public.

43 (e) Following the public hearing, the legislative body may proceed to enact the
44 resolution, in accordance with the usual requirements and practices applicable to its
45 legislative enactments. The resolution shall not become effective until at least
46 forty-five (45) days following its final enactment.

1 (f) At any time within the 45 day period following the final enactment of the
2 resolution, a number of persons equal to not less than 20 percent of the persons who
3 reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in county elections
4 in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is located may, in
5 writing, petition the chief executive and administrative officer of the municipal
6 corporation for a referendum on the resolution. Upon the presentation of a petition to
7 the officer, he shall cause to be made a verification of the signatures thereon and shall
8 ascertain that the persons signing the petition represent at least 20 percent of the
9 persons who reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in
10 county elections in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is
11 located. Upon verifying that the requirements of this subsection have been complied
12 with, the officer shall by proclamation suspend the effectiveness of the resolution,
13 contingent upon the results of the referendum.

14 (g) At any time within the forty-five (45) day period following the final
15 enactment of the resolution, a number of persons equal to not less than twenty per
16 centum (20%) of the qualified voters of the municipal corporation may, in writing,
17 petition the chief executive and administrative officer of the municipal corporation for
18 a referendum on the resolution. Upon the presentation of a petition to the officer, he
19 shall cause to be made a verification of the signatures thereon and shall ascertain
20 that the persons signing the petition represent at least twenty per centum (20%) of
21 the qualified voters of the municipal corporation. Upon verifying that the
22 requirements of this subsection have been complied with, the officer shall by
23 proclamation suspend the effectiveness of the resolution, contingent upon the results
24 of the referendum.

25 (G-1) (1) EXCEPT FOR AN ANNEXATION BY A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
26 THAT DOES NOT EXERCISE ZONING AUTHORITY, AT ANY TIME WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER
27 THE FINAL ENACTMENT OF A RESOLUTION THAT ANNEXES LAND THAT IS NOT
28 WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL
29 CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND IF THE AREA
30 PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DEVELOPED FOR A LAND USE
31 AND AT A DENSITY AUTHORIZED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY
32 APPLICABLE AT THE TIME THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED, A NUMBER
33 OF PERSONS EQUAL TO NOT LESS THAN 20% OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
34 COUNTY WHO RESIDE WITHIN 1 MILE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO
35 BE ANNEXED AND OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY, IN WRITING,
36 PETITION THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE
37 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE RESOLUTION.

38 (2) ON THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION TO THE OFFICER, THE
39 OFFICER SHALL VERIFY THE SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION AND ENSURE THAT THE
40 PETITION IS SIGNED BY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
41 COUNTY WHO RESIDE WITHIN 1 MILE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO
42 BE ANNEXED AND OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

43 (3) AFTER VERIFYING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION
44 HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, THE OFFICER SHALL, BY PROCLAMATION, SUSPEND

1 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESOLUTION, CONTINGENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE
2 REFERENDUM.

3 (h) [At] EXCEPT FOR AN ANNEXATION BY A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT
4 DOES NOT EXERCISE ZONING AUTHORITY, AT any time within the 45-day period
5 following the final enactment of [the] A resolution THAT ANNEXES LAND THAT IS
6 NOT WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY ADOPTED BY A COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL
7 CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE AND IF THE AREA
8 PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DEVELOPED FOR A LAND USE
9 AND AT A DENSITY AUTHORIZED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY
10 APPLICABLE AT THE TIME THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED, the
11 governing body of the county or counties in which the municipality is located, by at
12 least a two-thirds majority vote, may petition in writing the chief executive and
13 administrative officer of the municipal corporation for a referendum on the
14 resolution. Upon verifying that there has been compliance with the requirements of
15 this subsection, the officer by proclamation shall suspend the effectiveness of the
16 resolution, contingent upon the results of the referendum.

17 (i) The chief executive and administrative officer of the city, town or village
18 shall set a date for the referendum on the ordinance or resolution, which shall be not
19 less than fifteen (15) days and not more than ninety (90) days from the publication of
20 notices therefor. Such notices shall be published twice at not less than weekly
21 intervals in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the municipal
22 corporation and the area to be annexed. The notices shall specify the time and place
23 or places at which the referendum will be held; the place or places shall be within the
24 limits of the area to be annexed for the referendum within that area, and shall be
25 within the limits of the municipal corporation for the referendum in this latter place.

26 (j) [On the date and at the places specified, the resolution proposing a change
27 in the corporate boundaries of the municipal corporation shall be submitted to a
28 referendum election of the qualified voters of the municipal corporation or of the
29 persons who reside in the area to be annexed and who are registered as voters in
30 county elections in the precinct or precincts in which the territory to be annexed is
31 located, or both, depending upon whether a petition for referendum has been
32 presented by the residents of the municipal corporation, or by the residents of the
33 area proposed to be annexed or by both such sets of residents. The petition for
34 referendum presented by the governing body of the county shall be acted upon in the
35 same manner as a petition for referendum presented by the residents of the area
36 proposed to be annexed. The ballots or the voting machines, as the case may be, shall
37 contain a summary of the resolution, with suitable provision for the voter to indicate
38 a choice for or against it.]

39 (1) ON THE DAY AND AT THE PLACES SPECIFIED, THE RESOLUTION
40 PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
41 SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION.

42 (2) IF A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY
43 QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE RESOLUTION
44 PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

1 SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
2 THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

3 (3) IF A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY
4 PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED, THE RESOLUTION PROPOSING
5 A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL BE
6 SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION OF THE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE
7 AREA TO BE ANNEXED WHO ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN COUNTY ELECTIONS IN
8 THE PRECINCT OR PRECINCTS IN WHICH THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED IS LOCATED.

9 (4) IF A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY
10 QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND BY PERSONS WHO
11 RESIDE IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED, THE RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CHANGE IN
12 THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A
13 REFERENDUM ELECTION OF BOTH THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPAL
14 CORPORATION AND THE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED WHO
15 ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN COUNTY ELECTIONS IN THE PRECINCT OR
16 PRECINCTS IN WHICH THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED IS LOCATED.

17 (5) IF A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY
18 PERSONS WHO RESIDE WITHIN 1 MILE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO
19 BE ANNEXED AND OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE RESOLUTION
20 PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
21 SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION OF THE PERSONS WHO RESIDE
22 WITHIN 1 MILE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED AND
23 OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHO ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN
24 COUNTY ELECTIONS IN THE PRECINCT OR PRECINCTS IN THAT AREA.

25 (6) IF A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE
26 GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, THE RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE
27 BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A
28 REFERENDUM ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPAL
29 CORPORATION.

30 (7) THE BALLOTS OR THE VOTING MACHINES SHALL CONTAIN A
31 SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION WITH SUITABLE PROVISION FOR THE VOTER TO
32 INDICATE A CHOICE FOR OR AGAINST IT.

33 (k) For the purposes of this section, in any instance in which there are fewer
34 than twenty persons living in any area proposed to be annexed who are eligible to sign
35 a petition and to participate in a referendum election under the provisions of this
36 section, any person owning real property in the area proposed to be annexed (the word
37 "person" here including an association, the two or more joint owners of jointly-owned
38 property, a firm or corporation) shall have a right equal to that of a natural person to
39 sign a petition or to participate in a referendum election.

40 (l) If only one petition for a referendum is filed and if a majority of the
41 persons voting on the question in that referendum shall vote in favor of the proposal
42 for change, the change shall become effective as proposed on the fourteenth day

1 following the referendum. If two petitions for referendum are filed, the votes cast for
2 the two referenda shall be tabulated separately, so as to show individually the
3 tabulation of votes cast in the municipal corporation and in the area to be annexed. If
4 in both tabulations, each being reckoned separately, a majority of the persons voting
5 on the question shall vote in favor of the proposal for change, the change shall become
6 effective as proposed on the fourteenth day following the referendum. In the event
7 there are two referenda, unless there is such a favorable majority in both tabulations,
8 reckoned separately, the proposal for change shall be void and of no further effect
9 whatsoever.

10 (m) The provisions of this section shall authorize an increase in the area within
11 any municipal corporation only as to land which is not then within the corporate
12 limits of any other municipal corporation.

13 (n) The resolution to add to the corporate boundaries of a municipal
14 corporation shall provide generally that the persons residing in the area to be
15 annexed, and their property, shall be added to the corporate boundaries, generally
16 subject or not subject, as the case may be, to the provisions of the charter of the
17 municipal corporation; except that for stated periods and under specific conditions
18 provision may be made for special treatment of the residents and property in the area
19 to be annexed, as to rates of municipal taxation and as to municipal services and
20 facilities. No change shall be made in these provisions for special treatment for stated
21 periods and under specific conditions, except by resolution enacted in accordance with
22 the provisions and requirements of this section.

23 (o) (1) [In] EXCEPT FOR AN ANNEXATION BY A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
24 THAT DOES NOT EXERCISE ZONING AUTHORITY, IN addition to, but not as a part of
25 the resolution, the legislative body of the municipal corporation shall, IF THE AREA
26 PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DEVELOPED FOR A LAND USE
27 AND AT A DENSITY AUTHORIZED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY
28 APPLICABLE AT THE TIME THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED:

29 (I) ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS
30 OR DEVELOPERS OF THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED; AND

31 (ii) [provide also a proposed outline for the extension of services
32 and public facilities into] FOR AN ANNEXATION OF LAND NOT WITHIN A GROWTH
33 BOUNDARY ADOPTED BY A COUNTY AND A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN
34 ACCORDANCE WITH § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE ADOPT AN ANNEXATION PLAN FOR the area
35 proposed to be annexed.

36 (2) FOR AN ANNEXATION OF LAND WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY
37 ADOPTED BY A COUNTY AND A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6
38 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AND BE
39 CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT.

40 (3) FOR AN ANNEXATION OF LAND NOT WITHIN A GROWTH BOUNDARY
41 ADOPTED BY A COUNTY AND A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6
42 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT SHALL:

1 (I) IMPLEMENT AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ANNEXATION
2 PLAN DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

3 (II) INCLUDE THE COUNTY AS A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT.

4 (4) UNLESS THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AGREE
5 OTHERWISE, A COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT SHALL BE
6 LIMITED TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEXATION PLAN DESCRIBED IN
7 PARAGRAPHS (6)(VI) AND (VII) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (5) The [outline] ANNEXATION PLAN shall be open to public review and
9 discussion at the public hearing, but amendments to the [outline] PLAN may not be
10 construed in any way as an amendment to the resolution, nor may they serve in any
11 manner to cause a reinitiation of the annexation procedure then in process.

12 (6) THE ANNEXATION PLAN SHALL CONTAIN:

13 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED LAND USE AND DENSITY
14 FOR THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED;

15 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSISTENCY OF THE PROPOSED LAND
16 USE AND DENSITY OF THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED WITH THE COUNTY'S
17 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION;

18 (III) AN ANALYSIS OF THE CAPACITY OF LAND AREAS AVAILABLE
19 FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, INCLUDING IN-FILL
20 AND REDEVELOPMENT;

21 (IV) A DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PLAN TO A
22 LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR PROMOTING AN ORDERLY EXPANSION OF
23 GROWTH AND AN EFFICIENT USE OF LAND AND PUBLIC SERVICES;

24 (V) AN ANALYSIS OF THE LAND AREA NEEDED TO SATISFY
25 DEMAND FOR DEVELOPMENT AT DENSITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG TERM
26 DEVELOPMENT POLICY;

27 (VI) A DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNER BY WHICH SENSITIVE AREAS,
28 AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 66B, § 1(J) OF THE CODE, THAT COULD BE IMPACTED BY
29 DEVELOPMENT PLANNED WITHIN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED WILL BE PROTECTED;
30 AND

31 (VII) A DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNER BY WHICH THE NECESSARY
32 PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA TO BE
33 ANNEXED, INCLUDING THOSE NECESSARY FOR:

34 1. PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE
35 STUDENT POPULATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE RATED CAPACITY STANDARDS
36 ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION;

37 2. LIBRARIES;

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2 RESPONSE;

3. PUBLIC SAFETY, INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL

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4. WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES;

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5 ASSURE WATER QUALITY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
6 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AND

5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, SUFFICIENT TO

7

6. RECREATION.

8 (7) A copy of the [outline] ANNEXATION RESOLUTION, ANNEXATION
9 AGREEMENT AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE ANNEXATION PLAN shall be provided to the
10 governing body of the county or counties in which the municipal corporation is
11 located, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, and any regional and State
12 planning agencies having jurisdictions within the county at least [30] 60 days prior to
13 the holding of the public hearing required by this section. [The outline shall contain
14 a description of the land use pattern proposed for the area to be annexed, which may
15 include any county master plan already in effect for the area. It shall be presented so
16 as to demonstrate the available land for public facilities which may be considered
17 reasonably to be necessitated by the proposed use, such as school sites, water or
18 sewerage treatment facilities, libraries, recreation, fire or police. It shall contain also
19 a statement describing the schedule for extending to the area to be annexed each
20 municipal service performed within the municipality at the time of annexation and a
21 statement as to the general methods by which the municipality anticipates to finance
22 the extension of municipal services into the area to be annexed.]

23 (p) The chief executive and administrative officer of a municipal corporation
24 which has enlarged its corporate boundaries under the provisions of this section shall
25 promptly send the annexation resolution with the new boundaries to the clerk or
26 similar official, to the clerk of the court in the county or counties in which the
27 municipal corporation is located, to the Department of Legislative Services as
28 provided in § 9A of this article, and for those municipalities lying within the regional
29 district, to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Each
30 such official shall hold the annexation resolution with the new boundaries on record
31 and shall make it available for public inspection during all normal business hours.

32 (r) (1) The mayor and council, by whatever name known, of every municipal
33 corporation is hereby authorized and empowered, by ordinance, resolution or
34 regulation, to make proper provision for conducting, and for tabulating the results of
35 any referendum to be held under the provisions of this section.

36 (2) The mayor and council of the municipal corporation shall pay in full
37 for the expenses of [any such referendum] A REFERENDUM BROUGHT UNDER
38 SUBSECTIONS (F), (G), OR (G-1) OF THIS SECTION.

39 (3) THE COUNTY SHALL PAY IN FULL FOR THE EXPENSES OF A
40 REFERENDUM BROUGHT BY THE COUNTY UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (s) The powers granted to municipal corporations by Article XI-E of the
2 Constitution, by this article, and by Article 66B of the Code, shall not be deemed to
3 authorize any municipal corporation, either through procedures under this
4 subheading or other changes in its charter, to exercise planning (including
5 subdivision control) and zoning jurisdiction or power within any political subdivision
6 in which such planning and zoning jurisdiction or power, or either, is exercised by any
7 State, regional or county agency or authority. Except that where any area is annexed
8 to a municipality authorized to have and having then a planning and zoning
9 authority, the said municipality shall have exclusive jurisdiction over planning and
10 zoning and subdivision control within the area annexed; provided that nothing in this
11 exception shall be construed or interpreted to grant planning and zoning authority to
12 a municipality not authorized to exercise such authority at the time of such
13 annexation.

14 (T) WHEN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ANNEXES LAND INSIDE A GROWTH
15 BOUNDARY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN
16 ACCORDANCE WITH § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE AND PLANS TO EXTEND MUNICIPAL WATER
17 AND SEWER SERVICE TO THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED THROUGH FACILITIES OWNED
18 AND OPERATED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IF THE COUNTY'S WATER AND
19 SEWER PLAN DOES NOT YET ALLOW FOR THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER
20 SERVICE BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE AREA ANNEXED, THE COUNTY
21 SHALL AMEND ITS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-503
22 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL
23 WATER AND SEWER SERVICE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
25 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
26 any effect on or application to any annexation resolution that is enacted on or before
27 the effective date of this Act.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 June 1, 2006.