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POSITION STATEMENT

Bill: HB 1003 Montgomery County- Clerk of the Court- Subdivision Plat Recordation (PG/MC 110-24)

Position: Support

Date: March 27, 2024

Contact: Debra Borden, General Counsel

Jordan Baucum Colbert, Government Affairs Liaison

Dear Chair William C. Smith Jr. and Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher,

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC or “the Commission”) initially voted to support this bill with amendments. The proposed amendments have been made and the current bill reflects the Board’s recommendations. The Commission respectfully requests the Judicial Proceedings Committee to consider this information and include it in the record.

What this Bill Does. This bill authorizes a plat in Montgomery County to be drawn, recorded, and maintained in electronic form in a manner approved by the State Archivist.

Background. A Plat is a plan drawing prepared by a licensed land surveyor that depicts an approved subdivision or assemblage of land and associated easements or restrictions. Plats must be recorded before any new lots can be sold or building permits issued. Currently, state law requires plats to be on mylar preserved in a book by the State Archivist. This requires circulation of the actual mylar drawing to various parties and government agencies for signature, which can take several weeks or more.

Use of Digital Signatures. During this summer’s Montgomery County Development Review Process Workgroup (Workgroup) discussions, members voted in support of adding specific language in State law that allows for use of digital signatures on plats and allow for archiving of digital plats. Using digital signatures on plats could save time, help increase efficiency and productivity.

For these reasons, the Commission requests a favorable vote in support of HB 1003.

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Montgomery County – Clerk of the Circuit Court – Plat Recordation PG/MC 110-24

This bill allows a subdivision plat to be filed electronically with the Clerk of the Montgomery County Circuit Court if it is prepared in a manner approved by the State Archivist. The bill implements a recommendation that was included in the final report of the Montgomery County Development Review Process Workgroup that was released in October 2023, regarding the use of digital signatures on subdivision plats. The bill is intended to facilitate faster and more efficient recordation of subdivision plats by allowing the Montgomery County Planning Department, Department of Permitting Services, and Circuit Court to use a new electronic system. The County Executive and County Council support the bill and respectfully request that the Judicial Proceedings Committee give the bill a favorable report.

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March 19, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB1003 Montgomery County - Clerk of the Circuit Court - Plat Recordation PG/MC 110-24

Dear Chair Smith:

This letter represents our official notice to the Senate Judicial Committee of our Delegation's support for the above-referenced legislation.

The members of the Delegation voted unanimously to report Favorable on HB 1003 *Montgomery County – Clerk of the Circuit Court – Plat Recordation*.

The schedule shows this bill will be heard in your Committee on March 27. Our Delegation asks that your Committee issues a Favorable report on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin F. Kramer".

Benjamin F. Kramer