

**THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS January 7, 2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-01-001**

**ORDINANCE  
OF  
THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK  
COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**RE: PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON OLD LINKS BRIDGE ROAD**

Ms. Joan Cartier and Mr. Robert Thompson, along with adjoining property owners Elizabeth Wienholt, Ian Wienholt, Suzanne Keller, and Joseph Keller submitted a petition to the County, requesting closure of the County-owned portion of Old Links Bridge Road, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Local Government Article, §12-512.

In addition to asking that the road be closed, the petition also requests the transfer of the County's fee simple parcel (that includes the right-of-way area) containing approximately 0.502 acres, to Ms. Cartier and Mr. Thompson so it may be incorporated (added) into their existing lot. As co-petitioners, the owners of the properties lying along either side of Old Links Bridge Road, the Kellers and the Wienholts indicate their support for the proposal.

If the road is closed, the Council would need to determine that the 0.502 acre fee simple parcel property is surplus and no longer needed for public purposes, prior to it being disposed of by the County Executive.

The Division of public works recommended that if the road is closed and the property is disposed of, that the County retain an easement for inspection and maintenance of the drainage structures that lie within the proposed closure area.

The County Council held a public hearing on 01/07/2020, to consider the petition during which members of the public and representatives of the petitioners were provided the opportunity to comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, that:

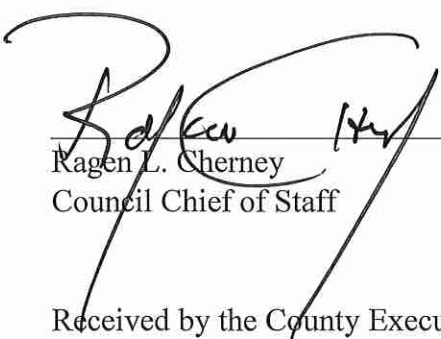
- 1) The Petition to Close Old Links Bridge Road as shown on Exhibit A is approved.
- 2) The Council finds that the County's fee simple parcel (that includes the road right-of-way area) containing approximately 0.502 acres is surplus and no longer needed for public purposes.
- 3) Easements for inspection and maintenance of existing drainage structures and facilities within the County owned parcel should be retained when the parcel is disposed of.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to dispose of the 0.502 acre fee simple parcel, provided easements for inspection and maintenance of existing drainage structures and facilities within the County owned parcel are retained .

The undersigned hereby certify that this Ordinance was approved and adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

  
Ragen L. Cherney  
Council Chief of Staff

By: 

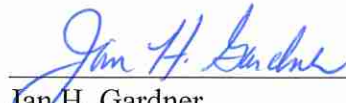
M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President

WC-1/7/2020

Received by the County Executive:

January 14, 2020

COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION: ✓ Approved        Vetoed



Jan H. Gardner  
Frederick County Executive

1/14/2020



