

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO - 20-018

Introduced by Council President Vincenti and at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 20-025 Date October 6, 2020

AN ACT to approve a petition from owners of lots located in the Fairmont subdivision, which is within the boundaries of Harford County, Maryland, for fire hydrant service from water lines owned by Maryland American Water Company; and to authorize the County to charge each owner of the properties, in accordance with Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations, a pro rata share of the fire hydrant rental fee charged to Harford County annually by the Maryland American Water Company for said fire hydrants, in accordance with Section 256-15, Fire hydrants, of Article I, General Provisions, of Chapter 256, Water and Sewers, of the Harford County Code, as amended.

By the Council, October 6, 2020

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: November 3, 2020
at: 6:45 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on _____, and concluded on _____.
_____, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 WHEREAS, Section 256-15, Fire hydrants, of Article I, General Provisions, of Chapter 256,
2 Water and Sewers, of the Harford County Code, as amended, provides that fire hydrant service to
3 County residents who are served by the Maryland Water Works (currently known as the Maryland
4 American Water Company) may be provided by the County if: (1) the residents requesting service
5 have filed a petition with the Department of Public Works for fire hydrant service; (2) the
6 Department of Public Works formulates a preliminary estimate of the total cost and a projection of
7 the area to be served under the petition; (3) the County Executive requests the Council to hold a
8 public hearing; and (4) a public hearing is held by the Council to determine if the service shall be
9 provided; and

10 WHEREAS, in June 2020, a majority of the property owners in the Fairmont subdivision
11 submitted a petition requesting fire hydrant service for the properties; and

12 WHEREAS, a petition ballot package was mailed to 105 property owners in the Fairmont
13 subdivision, of which 71 ballots in favor of the petition and 1 ballot against the petition were returned,
14 resulting in a majority of 68% of the property owners supporting the fire hydrant petition project;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, it is proposed that 10 fire hydrants will be installed to serve the properties, and
17 the annual cost to Harford County for fire hydrant service under the Maryland American Water
18 Company's current tariff will be \$1,647.50; and

19 WHEREAS, a cost summary of the estimated costs associated with the installation,
20 maintenance and administration of the fire hydrants was prepared, and the estimated Annual Fire
21 Hydrant Assessment amount per property, including the County's administrative fee, is \$19.61; and

22 WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested that the Council hold a public hearing to
23 determine if the service shall be provided; and

1 WHEREAS, the County recommends that the petition be approved.

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that the petition
4 to provide fire hydrant service to the properties identified in the attached map (those lots included
5 on the subdivision plats recorded at Liber 7, folio 52 and Liber 7, folio 53) is approved and that the
6 County is authorized to charge each owner of property identified in the petition, in accordance with
7 Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations, a pro rata share of the fire hydrant rental fees charged to
8 Harford County annually by the Maryland American Water Company for fire hydrants installed to
9 serve the property.

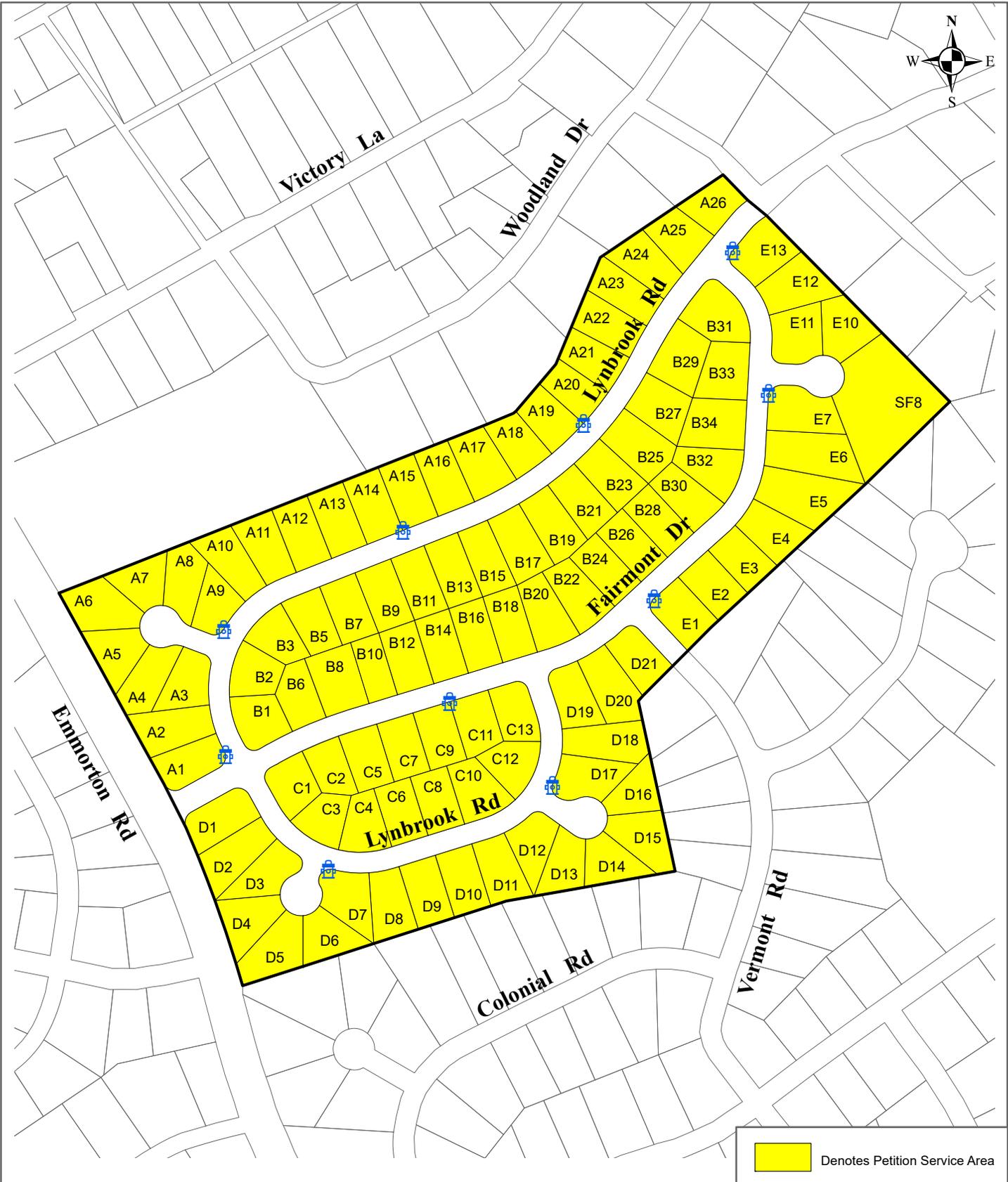
10 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
11 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.



Council Administrator



 Denotes Petition Service Area



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF WATER AND SEWER

Proposed Fire Hydrant Exhibit

for

Fairmont Fire Hydrant Petition

Scale: N.T.S.

Print Date: 06/03/20