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Resolution No. 113-14

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, November 17, 2014

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A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council requesting the Baltimore County Planning Board to create new zoning classifications for the Towson area.

WHEREAS, Towson is the urban center of Baltimore County and the seat of County government; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Master Plan 2020 recognizes the significant assets of Towson and details the policies and actions that are recommended in order to improve its performance as a commercial center, promote redevelopment opportunities, and strengthen compatible mixed-use, walkable development; and

WHEREAS, legislative efforts designed to achieve these goals have been enacted in a piecemeal fashion by amendments made to the Zoning Regulations for the existing C.T. District of Towson; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that it is expedient to conduct a comprehensive review of the existing laws and regulations that govern the development of Downtown Towson and to incorporate these provisions into two new zoning classifications, one solely for the Downtown Towson area, that recognizes and accommodates the implementation of the goals of Master Plan 2020, and a second transitional zoning classification where an abundance of student housing exists, that is designed to mitigate the impact of student rentals on residential neighborhoods; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland that the Planning Board is requested to conduct a comprehensive review of the existing laws and regulations that govern the development of the Downtown Towson area, without consideration of any fiscal issues, and to incorporate these provisions into two new zoning classifications, one solely for the Downtown Towson area, that accommodates the implementation of the goals of Master Plan 2020 for the Towson urban area, and a transitional zoning classification designed to mitigate the impact of student rentals on residential neighborhoods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board shall hold at least one public hearing prior to the issuance of its report; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the County Council on or before March 1, 2015, in sufficient time to adopt the new classifications for the 2015 - 2016 Comprehensive Zoning Map process.

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