



October 3, 2018

The Honorable Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive of Howard County
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

In accordance with Subtitle 5, Title 1, of the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Howard County Council originally adopted a growth tier map for Howard County on February 4, 2013. On July 27, 2018, the Howard County Council adopted CB59-2018, which amends the adopted growth tier map. This tier map amendment reflects an expansion of the county's growth area (Growth and Revitalization Designated Place Type) and sewer service area (Planned Service Area), as well as a proposed rezoning of the area affected by the amendment.

Although we understand that the County has not yet made a decision on whether to move forward with the proposed rezoning of this area, Planning would like to provide feedback to the County on its tier map amendment in a timely manner. We understand and recognize, pursuant to CB59-2018, that the tier map amendment will be nullified if the rezoning does not occur.

With the assumption that the proposed rezoning classifications, as described in the preamble to CB59-2018, will be implemented, Planning has no "comment" on the amended growth tier map for purposes of Section 1-505 of the Land Use Article. As such, no public hearing is required under Section 1-507 of the Land Use Article. Similarly, if the rezoning does not occur, and the tier map automatically reverts to the February 4, 2013 tier map, Planning would consider this essentially no change to the tier map and has no "comment" if the tier map reverts back.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jason Dubow at (410) 767-3370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Keller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "K".

Pat Keller
Assistant Secretary of Planning Services

cc: Valdis Lazdins, Planning Director, Howard County Planning and Zoning