

ORDINANCE NO. 849-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND, TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN FEE SIMPLE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE SHAMROCK SANITARY SEWER PUMPING STATION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Art. §5-204(c)(1), the Maryland General Assembly granted to the municipalities of Maryland the power to acquire by conveyance, purchase or condemnation any real or leasehold property needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Bel Air Town Charter, Chapter C. Charter, Article IV. General Powers, Section 401. General Powers, indicates the following in § C-401b.40.a

b. The Board of Commissioners shall have, in addition, the power to pass ordinances, not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, for the following specific purposes:

40. Town Property

a. Acquisition, Possession and Disposal indicates that the Board of Commissioners may acquire real, personal or mixed property within the corporate limits of the Town for any public purpose by purchase, gift, bequest, devise, lease, condemnation or otherwise and may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any property belonging to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bel Air has been granted in fee simple title to a parcel of land situated in the Third Election District of Harford County, Maryland, within the corporate limits of the Town of Bel Air, as more particularly described and depicted on a plat entitled "Amended Final Plat 1, Section 4, Harford Woods", recorded among the Land Records of Harford County in Plat Book No. 39, Folio 43, designated as "Fee Simple Lot for Town of Bel Air Pumping Station"; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this grant is necessary to establish and maintain public utility infrastructure for the benefit of the residents of the Town of Bel Air; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners desires to formally accept this conveyance of land in order to assume ownership, jurisdiction, and responsibility for its use and maintenance in furtherance of the Town’s public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND, THAT:

1. Acceptance of Property.

The Town of Bel Air hereby accepts the grant in fee simple of the property described above and as depicted on Amended Final Plat 1, Section 4, Harford Woods, recorded at Plat Book No. 39, Folio 43, among the Land Records of Harford County, Maryland.

2. Use of Property.

The property shall be held and used by the Town of Bel Air for the purpose of operating a Town sanitary sewer pumping station and for such other related public purposes as the Board of Town Commissioners may hereafter determine.

3. Authorization of Town Officials.

The Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the acceptance of said property, including execution of deeds, recordation, and entry into the official land records of Harford County.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after passage unless petitioned to referendum.

INTRODUCTION: October 6, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING: October 20, 2025

ENACTMENT:

EFFECTIVE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Paula S. Etting, Chair

Board of Town Commissioners

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk