

QUESTION OF NECESSITY FOR THE TAKING AND NO ISSUE OF VALUE OF THE LAND WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING CAN BE RAISED. No real property or interest therein shall be purchased, by condemnation or otherwise, unless funds for the same shall have been included in the Capital Budget, the award of a condemnation jury ~~and~~ notwithstanding. All such purchases herein provided for shall be accomplished in accordance with the budgetary procedures as described in the Howard County Charter. All necessary legal proceedings shall be accomplished in accordance with Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland and the Rules of Court adopted pursuant thereto.

4.201—Sales and Disposition of Real Property

(1) Any property acquired by the County by gift, purchase, lease, condemnation, or otherwise except by or through a tax sale, and no longer needed for public purposes may be disposed of as the Council may by Resolution provide. The Council shall in the Resolution providing for the disposition of the surplus real property, declare that the same is no longer needed for public purposes and shall authorize the County Executive to sell the same by formal, written contract to the highest responsible bidder after public notice inviting proposals to purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as the Council may provide. The Council may, in its Resolution, provide that sale of said real property shall be by public auction, giving the terms and conditions thereof. The method and extent of notice involving sales of real property shall be prescribed in the Resolution authorizing the sale of the said property.

(2) Any real property acquired by the County at REGULAR tax sales conducted under Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws is hereby deemed not needed for public purpose. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL CAUSE TO BE KEPT A CURRENT INVENTORY OF ALL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY AT REGULAR TAX SALES, WHICH INVENTORY SHALL BE OFFERED FOR REVIEW TO VARIOUS COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES; AND SAID AGENCIES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO ACQUIRE ANY OR ALL OF THE SEVERAL PARCELS BY PAYMENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR BY TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF ALL COSTS INCURRED AND BACK TAXES LOST BY HOWARD COUNTY AS A RESULT OF THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAID PARCEL OR PARCELS. The County Executive ~~is~~ SHALL BE authorized to sell all or several of the parcels of such real property, PROVIDED NO COUNTY OR STATE AGENCY HAS INDICATED ITS DESIRE TO ACQUIRE SAID PARCELS, from time to time, to the highest responsible bidder after public notice inviting written offers to purchase said parcel or parcels; or the County Executive may, in his discretion, offer the parcels individually at public auction after giving reasonable notice of the time, location, terms and conditions of the said auction. Provided, however, ~~that if there is but one bid or offer to purchase any parcel of real property heretofore acquired by the County at a tax sale,~~ the County Executive may sell or refuse to sell ~~the~~ ANY said parcel at the price and upon the terms and conditions offered or bid as he shall decide most beneficial to the County in each case.

(3) The County Executive shall be authorized to execute and deliver to the purchaser a good and sufficient deed conveying all of Howard County's right, title, and interest in any real property sold under the provisions of this subtitle.