

CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Ordinance 1095 to Transfer 700 Congress Avenue from Harford County to Havre de Grace**

(Public Hearing)

Date: **1/18/2023**

Notice: Any comments made after 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the Council Meeting will not be seen in the agenda packet.

Purpose:

- FYI
- Read and Comment as Needed**
- Action Required by February 6, 2023**
- In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Casi Boyer Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Dave Martin Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Jim Ringsaker Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Jason Robertson Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Tammy Lynn Schneegas Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Carolyn Zinner Yes No No Comment

Comment: _____

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 1095

Introduced by _____ Council President Ringsaker

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO RATIFY, AFFIRM, AND ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF 700 CONGRESS AVENUE, HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078, FROM HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE

On: 1/17/2023

at: 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

EXPLANATION
Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.
[Bold Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Amendments proposed prior to final adoption will be noted on a separate page with line references or by handwritten changes on the draft legislation.

34 **WHEREAS**, 700 Congress Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078 (“700 Congress Ave”),
35 more particularly described in the deed recorded among the Land Records of Harford County,
36 Maryland, in Liber 14943 at Folio 440, had been owned by the Harford County Board of Education
37 (“the Board”) from 1958 until 2021; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 227 of the *1999 Laws of Maryland*, if the Board determines that
40 any land, school site, or building is no longer needed for school purposes, the land, school site, or
41 building shall be transferred by the Board to Harford County, Maryland; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2021, the Board determined 700 Congress Avenue was no longer needed
44 for school purposes; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2021, the Board transferred 700 Congress Avenue to Harford County,
47 Maryland, recorded among the Land Records of Harford, Maryland, in Liber 14943 at Folio 435;
48 and

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50 **WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2021, Harford County, Maryland, transferred 700 Congress to the
51 Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace in fee simple, recorded among the Land Records of
52 Harford County, Maryland, in Liber Liber 14943 at Folio 440; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, since accepting the transfer of 700 Congress Avenue, the City has used the property
55 for general public purposes, that is, for recreational and entertainment purposes for the benefit of
56 its citizens and is now called the Havre de Grace STAR (Sports, Theatre, Arts, Recreation) Centre;

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58 **NOW, THEREFORE**, it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that the
59 following items and actions are hereby unconditionally ratified and affirmed.

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- 61 1. The transfer of 700 Congress Avenue, Havre de Grace, Maryland, from Harford County,
- 62 Maryland, to the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, recorded among the Land
- 63 Records of Harford County, Maryland, in Liber Liber 14943 at Folio 440 is accepted by
- 64 the Mayor and City Council for a public purpose.
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- 66 2. 700 Congress Avenue is a City recreational and performing arts facility named the Havre
- 67 de Grace STAR (Sports, Theatre, Arts, Recreation) Centre.
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- 69 3. The Mayor and City Council may establish and collect fees or charges or a range of fees
- 70 or charges associated with the use of the Havre de Grace STAR (Sports, Theatre, Arts,
- 71 Recreation) Centre to defray costs associated with the maintenance and repairs of the
- 72 facility.
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74 ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this ___ day of _____, 2023.

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76 SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this _____ day of
77 _____, 2023.

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79 (Signatures to follow on the next page.)
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81 ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE

85 _____
86 Stephen J. Gamatoria
87 Director of Administration

88 _____
89 William T. Martin
90 Mayor

89 Introduced/First Reading: 1/17/2023
90 Public Hearing: 2/6/2023
91 Second Reading/Adopted:
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93 Effective Date:

Public Hearing