

Resolution No: 20-908
Introduced: July 22, 2025
Adopted: September 9, 2025

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Declaration of No Further Need - Long-Term Lease of a portion of the Grey Courthouse, located at 27 Courthouse Square, Rockville, Maryland, to Montgomery History

Background

1. Montgomery County Code Chapter 11B-45 requires the Council to approve a Declaration of No Further Need before the Executive can dispose of real property that has more than nominal value. Prior to seeking Council approval of a Declaration of No Further Need, the Executive must:
 - (a) submit all material terms of the proposed disposition and any appraisal the Executive relied on in setting the property's market value to the Council; and
 - (b) publish a declaration in the County Register and post a notice on the County website that the County has no further need for the property.If the Council, by resolution, approves the Executive's Declaration of No Further Need, the Executive may dispose of the property for fair market value.
2. On May 14, 2025, the Executive transmitted the material terms of the proposed disposition. The Executive recommended disposal of the subject property to Montgomery History via a long-term lease not more than 30 years in term. The subject property is approximately 8,500 square feet and located on the 4th floor of the Grey Courthouse. In lieu of for market rent, Montgomery History agrees to fund the design, permitting, and renovation of the leased space at its own expense.
3. In May 2025, Executive Order 005-25 was published in the County Register to give notice of the County's intent to proceed with disposition Montgomery History and that there was no further need for public use.
4. On June 16, 2025, the Executive transmitted to the Council Executive Order 005-25 containing the Declaration of No Further Need.

5. The Council held a public hearing on this recommended disposition on September 9, 2025.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

The Declaration of No Further Need for the long-term lease of a portion of the subject property, located at the Grey Courthouse at 27 Courthouse Square in Rockville, Maryland, to Montgomery History is approved and the property may be disposed of as described in the material terms provided to the Council on May 14, 2025, the Executive's transmittal memorandum dated June 16, 2025 and in Executive Order 005-25 as published in the County Register in May 2025.

The Council expressly waives the requirement that the property be disposed of at full market value.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council