

ORDINANCE NO. 2687

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE CITY’S FY22 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND BUDGET TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE POPLAR HILL ADA RAMP AND BATHROOM CONVERSION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Poplar Hill Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Historic Trust, an office of the Maryland Department of Planning, must review and approve projects involving rehabilitation or improvements to such historic properties, which includes, but is not limited to, the Poplar Hill Mansion; and

WHEREAS, in FY2021, the City undertook a project to make the Poplar Hill Mansion handicap accessible, to include the conversion of a bathroom and the installation of a wheelchair ramp, both of which were to be compliant with guidelines set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”);

WHEREAS, the FY2021 Budget appropriated \$40,000 for the ADA bathroom conversion and installation of the wheelchair ramp; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted a request for project approval to the Maryland Historic Trust, which denied the City of Salisbury’s request to install a wheelchair ramp; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Historic Trust instead requested the City explore alternatives to the proposed wheelchair ramp such as a wheelchair lift; and

WHEREAS, the ADA bathroom conversion has been completed and the cost of a wheelchair lift exceeds the available funds remaining in the project account; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Field Operations estimates an additional \$35,000 is required for the project, and has determined that there are insufficient funds available in other accounts to transfer to cover the amount required, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has confirmed that an additional \$35,000 is available in the current year surplus; and

WHEREAS, providing ADA compliant access to the Poplar Hill Mansion is critical to future eligibility for grants and other Federal benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1.

a) The City of Salisbury’s Capital Projects Fund Budget be and is hereby amended as follows:

Project Description	Account Description	Account	Amount
Poplar Hill ADA Ramp & Bathroom Conversion	Transfer-In General Fund	98022-469313-43028	35,000
Poplar Hill ADA Ramp & Bathroom Conversion	Construction	98122-513026-43028	35,000

b) The City of Salisbury’s FY22 General Fund Budget be and is hereby amended as follows:

Project Description	Account Description	Account	Amount
	Current Year Surplus	01000-469810	35,000
	Transfer-Out General Capital Project Fund	91001-599109	35,000

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.


Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.


Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 27th day of September, 2021 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 11th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:



Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk



John R. Heath, City Council President

Approved by me, this 15th day of October, 2021.



Jacob R. Day, Mayor



City of
Salisbury
Jacob R. Day, Mayor

To: Julia Glanz, City Administrator
From: Jana Potvin, Department of Field Operations *Jana Potvin*
Date: September 9, 2021
Re: Poplar Hill Mansion Wheelchair Lift Funding Request

The Department of Field Operations respectfully requests approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$35,000.00 to cover the installation of wheelchair accessible lift and associated improvements for the Poplar Hill Mansion.

In FY 21, \$40,000 was authorized for the construction of an accessibility ramp and an ADA compliant restroom. The restroom improvements were completed; however, the ramp was not. In September 2020, the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) informed the City that the proposed ADA compliant ramp was denied. The MHT requested that we “explore alternatives to the proposed ramp such as a lift, which would have less visual and physical impact on the historic resource.”

With an initial estimate of \$45,000 for the installation of an incline lift and \$20,722.72 remaining in the project account, there are insufficient funds to complete the project. The transfer of these funds is critical for Department of Field Operations to provide an accessible entrance. Without ADA accessibility, the Mansion will no longer be eligible for certain grants and other Federal benefits.

Unless you or the Mayor have further questions, please forward a copy of this memo and the ordinance to the City Council.