



*Mayor and Town Council*  
*Town of Friendsville*  
*Founded 1765*

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**Public Hearing**  
**Monday, February 17, 2025**

**Attendance:**

Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Mayor

Wanda Guard, Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Members: Pamela Humberson, Michael Artice, Edward Kelley, & Robert Sines

**Citizens/Guests:** Terry & Jennifer Uphold

**Call to Order:** Council President Humberson called the public hearing to order on February 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to gather citizen input on an amendment of existing ordinance 2005-07 "Requirement for Competitive Bids".

Ordinance O-2025-01 (**Appendix A**) ensures the procurement and delivery of goods and services for the benefit of the Town and its residents. To secure these at the lowest, most reasonable cost, the Friendsville Mayor and Town Council require that any expenditure exceeding \$40,000 be authorized only with a written contract, duly executed and approved by both the Mayor and Town Council, as well as the provider of the goods or services.

The ordinance public hearing notice was published in The Republican Newspaper in the February 6, 2025, and February 13, 2025, editions.

A copy of Ordinance No: O-2025-01 was available for review at the Ruth Enlow Library, Friendsville Branch, on the bulletin board in the Friendsville Post Office or at the Friendsville Town Hall during regular business hours.

The ordinance was introduced on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025. Second reading was tonight by Council President Humberson.

**Motion #1:** (Council member Kelley/Council member Artice): Approval to accept ordinance O-2025-01 for the Town of Friendsville. 4 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Council President Humberson read letter of opposition to SB0878 from the Mayor on behalf of council and Town of Friendsville to Senate Education & Environment Committee. (**Appendix B**)

Mayor Schlosnagle conveyed the thoughts and concerns of the **Senate Bille 878** (**Appendix C**) on behalf of the Garrett County Commissioners. Jess Whittemore proposed that the Town of Friendsville

send a letter regarding the matter. Terry Uphold expressed his opinion outcomes regarding the well near their home.

**Motion #2:** (Council member Artice/Council member Kelley): Approval for the Mayor to send the letter on behalf of the Council & Town of Friendsville to the Senate Education & Environment Committee. 3 in favor/1 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

**Motion #3:** (Council member Artice/Council President Humberson): Approval to adjourn the meeting. 4 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wanda M. Guard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wanda M. Guard,  
Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer



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**Appendix A**

**Ordinance No: O-2025-01**  
**Amendment Ordinance 2005-7**  
**Requirement for Competitive Bids**

**WHEREAS**, the Friendsville Mayor and Town Council are required to provide for the procurement and delivery of certain goods and services for the benefit of the Town and it's residents: **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Friendsville Mayor and Town Council are desirous of providing such goods and services at the lowest, most reasonable cost,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Friendsville Mayor and Town Council that no expenditure of funds exceeding \$40,000.00 shall be authorized without evidence of a written contract, duly executed and approved by the Mayor and Town Council and the provider of the goods and/or services.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a two week advertising period in a newspaper of general circulation shall be required for all expenditures anticipated to exceed \$40,000.00. The Friendsville Mayor and Town Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids or waive any formality, as it may best suit the interests of the Town.


**INTRODUCED** this 3rd day of February 2025.

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION** on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED**, this ordinance shall be effective the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

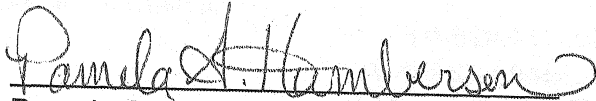
Approved:

  
Wanda M. Guard,  
Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Mayor

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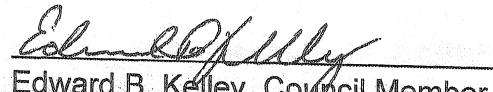
Approved:


  
Pamela S. Humberson, Council President

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James M. Hook, Council Member


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Sheryl A. MacLane, Council Member

  
Michael E. Artice, Council Member

  
Edward B. Kelley, Council Member

  
Robert H. Sines, Council Member

Approved :

  
3/17/2025



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**Appendix B**

February 17, 2025

Subject: Opposition to SB0878

Dear Senate Education & Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Town Council and the Town of Friendsville, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 0878 "Oil and Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Authorization", introduced by Senators McKay, Hershey, and Folden, which seeks to repeal Maryland's 2017 fracking ban.

In 2017, the Town of Friendsville enacted a local ban on fracking to protect our water supply and surrounding natural resources. However, our ban is limited to our town borders and cannot prevent contamination from occurring upstream. Our greatest concern is the Youghiogheny River, which provides drinking water for Friendsville and collects runoff from two-thirds of Garrett County's landmass. If hydraulic fracturing is permitted in Maryland, the likelihood of toxic chemicals polluting our water source is dangerously high.

The risks to our environment, health, and community far outweigh any potential benefits of fracking. We urge you to uphold Governor Hogan's 2017 decision and protect Maryland from the dangers of unconventional drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Please stand with the Town of Friendsville and oppose SB0878.

Sincerely,

Spencer R. Schlosnagle,  
Mayor

SRS/wmg

SENATE BILL 878

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By: Senators Hershey, Folden, and McKay  
Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025  
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Oil and Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to engage in hydraulic fracturing for certain  
4 purposes in the State; and generally relating to hydraulic fracturing.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Environment  
7 Section 14–107.1  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article – Environment**

13 14–107.1.

14 (a) In this section, “hydraulic fracturing” means a stimulation treatment  
15 performed on oil and natural gas wells in low–permeability oil or natural gas reservoirs  
16 through which specially engineered fluids are pumped at high pressure and rate into the  
17 reservoir interval to be treated, causing fractures to open.

18 (b) A person may [not] engage in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the  
19 exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State.

20 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
21 SECTION.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2025.