

ORDINANCE NO. 678

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING THE
TOWN OF EASTON TO PURCHASE 34-36 SOUTH LOCUST LANE IN
THE TOWN OF EASTON

INTRODUCED BY: _____

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton has received a Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund Grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community to acquire six homes in “The Hill” Community, which is believed to be the oldest community still in existence in the Nation continuously inhabited by free persons of color (settled prior to 1790);

WHEREAS, the properties the Town intends to acquire are severely dilapidated historic homes;

WHEREAS, the Town intends to rehabilitate the properties and to return them to the market;

WHEREAS, 34-36 South Locust Lane is located within “The Hill” Community, and has been identified by the Town as an appropriate property to acquire, rehabilitate, and return to the market;

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 5-204(c)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and for the reasons articulated herein, the Town Council has determined that 34-36 South Locust Lane in the Town of Easton is needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to approve the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town of Easton that:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. In accordance with § 5-204(c)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town Council has determined that 34-36 South Locust Lane in the Town of Easton is needed for a public purpose.

Section 3. The Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

Section 4. The Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and to take whatever additional actions are reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Ordinance;

Section 5. Any prior execution and delivery of documents related to the purchase of the Property that are consistent with the purpose of this Ordinance, are hereby ratified and approved;

Section 6. In accordance with Article II Section 9 of the Easton Town Charter, this ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) calendar days after approval by the Mayor or passage of this ordinance by the Council over the Mayor's veto.

Silverstein	-
Leshner	-
Engle	-

Cook -
Ford -

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Council this _____ day of _____, 2016.

John F. Ford, Town Council President

Delivered to the Mayor by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Date: _____

Robert C. Willey, Mayor

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____, 2016.