



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner



Date: July 12, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0215 City Streets - Closing - Two 10 Foot Alleys

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0215 for the purpose of condemning and closing of two 10 Foot Alleys bounded by East 23rd Street, Greenmount Avenue and East 22nd Street, as shown on a plat numbered 303-A-19A, dated September 14, 2021, prepared by the Survey Section, and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0215 would allow for the consolidation of properties for the development of multi-family housing in the Barclay Neighborhood.

At its regular meeting of February 20, 2022, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of its departmental staff and recommended that City Council Bill 22-0215 be passed by the City Council.

The alley closings are necessary in furtherance of Telesis Baltimore Corporation's development plan to assemble the surrounding MCC owned and HABC owned cleared parcels in order to produce three multi-family buildings containing 34 dwelling units.

The subject closing is located just one block outside the East Impact investment area. Significant demolition and clearing have taken place on the 400 blk of E 23rd St. and East 22 ½ St. and the lots are presently vacant.

The closing of the two 10-foot alleys will allow for the development of the vacant parcels and may provide new housing options for the surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, as part of the overall development project, a mixed-use project is planned to be built adjacent to the site which may be utilized by Barclay residents.

DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 22-0215 and respectfully request a favorable report.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

Brandon M. Scott, Mayor • **Alice Kennedy**, Housing Commissioner

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