

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 2, 2022

TO: Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO //

POSITION: Favorable

SUBJECT: Council Bill 22-0226 Urban Renewal Plan – Charles North

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 22-0226 introduced by Councilmember Stokes.

PURPOSE

This bill would repeal and replace the existing Charles North Urban Renewal Plan. An updated URP will ensure its language matches the Baltimore City Zoning code, which was updated in 2016. Additionally, the updated URP will control off-street parking facilities and require the review from the Department of Housing and Community Development of any development or rehabilitation plans in the Urban Renewal Area. Finally, community notifications will be required for any permit applications within the Urban Renewal Area.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Charles North Urban Renewal Plan was originally approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in 1982 and was most recently amended in 2007. The proposed changes will aid in the historical preservation of this community and ensure future developments align with the scale and sizing of current structures.

FISCAL IMPACT [to BDC]

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully requests a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 22-0226. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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