

## MEMORANDUM

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO, Executive Director, HABC Commissioner, HCD

To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From:

Paul Toraziano, Commissioner

Date:

March 29, 2012

Re:

City Council Bill 12-0026 - Zoning - Conditional Use Second-hand Store - 914 West 36th

Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0026, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a second-hand store on the property known as 914 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

This bill would permit the conditional use of a second-hand store at the property known as 914 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, which is located within both the boundaries of the Hampden Business Area Urban Renewal Plan (URP) area, the Hampden National Register Historic District, and is zoned B-2-2. The current use of the subject property is as a second-hand furniture store at the street level. The Zoning Code defines a second-hand store as "a place of business of a person who engages in the business of buying for resale, trade, or transfer used or previously owned property or merchandise, including carvings, clothing, ceramics, furniture, glass, household items, jewelry, paintings, rugs, sculptures, silverware, and other moveable personal property, but excluding motor vehicles, record, tapes, compact discs, and books." Second-hand stores are a permitted conditional use in B-2-2 zoning districts, and this legislation, if adopted, would authorize the conditional use of a second-hand furniture store on the subject property.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0026.

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cc:

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