



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	April 14, 2026
SUBJECT	26-0155 • Franchise – Installation of a Private 1 ½ Inch Diameter Sanitary Sewer – South Newkirk Street

Position: Favorable

BACKGROUND

Council Bill 26-0155 would grant a franchise to 40N Baltimore QOZB #1, a New Jersey-based developer, at 1610 S Newkirk Street. This franchise is to allow GAF (a materials company) to extend a private sanitary line across S Newkirk St, connecting two newly renovated buildings. This work was performed under Developer's Agreement 1757. This franchise serves to formally enter the sanitary line into record.

A franchise is an agreement between the City and utilities for the use of public right of way in the provision of services by said utilities. The Department oversees franchises on behalf of the City. Franchise fees are established by the Board of Estimates through the Minor Privilege Fee Schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department has no concerns with the use of the sanitary line memorialized by the grant of a franchise to the property at 1610 S Newkirk Street. Therefore, the Department requests a favorable report on Council Bill 26-0155.