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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0178

Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Definition of “Historic Property”

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Time (Beginning): 11:40 AM
Time (Ending): 12:10 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 20

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Danielle McCray
Kristerfer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton

Table with 3 columns: Question, yes, no, n/a. Rows include Bill Synopsis in the file?, Attendance sheet in the file?, Agency reports read?, Video or audio-digitally recorded?, Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?, Evidence of notification to property owners?, Final vote taken at this hearing?

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Eric Holcomb, Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)
Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
Hilary Ruley, Law Department
Pedro Aponte, Finance Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Bullock, primary sponsor of the legislation gave opening remarks and talked briefly about the background of the bill.
 2. The chairman went over the agency reports with the agency representatives. The representative from CHAP talked in-depth about their proposed amendments.
 3. Committee/councilmembers asked questions, sought clarification and etc. Some highlights were:
 - Questions:
 - The representative from the Finance Department was asked to explain how he came up with his analysis/assessment in their agency report
 - Clarification sought about how the piggyback tax relates to analyses completed by the Finance Department
 - Comments were made about Finance Department's agency report; the analysis
 - What criteria did you use?
 - How many properties are actually eligible for a tax credit at present?
 - What is the percentage too?
 - Comments/Requests
 - Comments made regarding the importance of attracting people to the City of Baltimore
 - The representative from the Department of Finance was asked to talk about some of the things going on with tax credits
 - Per Chairman Costello, the tax credit has been extended by one year
 4. Vote taken on CHAP's proposed amendments; **passed**. A draft copy is attached. Hearing called to recess; no vote on actual bill.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File

Date: May 13, 2022

AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 21-0178
(1st Reader Copy)

By: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
{To be offered to the Ways and Means Committee}

Amendment No. 1 – ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE ADDED AND PASSED BY COMMITTEE

On page 2, in line 6, strike “BUILT AT LEAST 50 YEARS AGO AS CONFIRMED BY CHAP”, and substitute “INCLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A CERTIFIED HERITAGE AREA AND COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION STANDARDS.”

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Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Council Bill – Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Definition of “Historic Property”	Bill #: 21-0178
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Time: 10:02 AM 1102A
Location: Council Chambers	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kris	Misage	PABC					
ERIK	Holcomb	CHAP/DOP	X	X			
Nadia	Owusu	Councilwoman McGray's Office					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

11:02 AM

Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall

21-0178

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Robert Stokes Sr.

Absent 1 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0178

Tax Credits - Historic Properties - Definition of "Historic Property"

For the purpose of expanding the definition of "historic property" in City Code Article 28, § 10-8.

Sponsors: John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT