

MEMORANDUM

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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From:

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

May 30, 2013

Re:

City Council Bill 13-0210 - Zoning - Parking Lot District - 301/East Lombard Street (aka

300 East Pratt Street)

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0210, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of an open off-street parking area on the property known as 301 East Lombard Street (aka 300 East Pratt Street), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

This bill, if adopted, would reauthorize the existing usage of the property known as 301 East Lombard Street—which is bounded at the north by East Lombard Street, to the east by Commerce Street, to the South by East Pratt Street and to the West by South Street—as a surface parking lot. The subject property is currently being operated as a public pay surface parking lot, and the instant legislation would reauthorize the surface parking lot for four (4) years, with the possibility to extend this use for an additional two (2) more years.

Additionally, HCD has reviewed the technical amendments to this legislation that were proposed by the Department of Planning and supports their adoption.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0210, provided the recommended technical amendments offered by the Department of Planning are adopted.

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cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

