



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: March 29, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0321, Zoning – Modifications to Approved Final Development Plans**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0321, for the purpose of modifying the procedure by which a major change may be made to an approved planned unit development.

Under the 1971 zoning code, major changes to a planned unit development (PUD) could be made by ordinance. However, under the 2017 zoning code, major changes require the entire PUD be repealed and replaced. If enacted, this bill will permit major changes to PUDs by ordinance, as was previously the case under the 1971 zoning code.

In addition, at the February 21, 2019 Planning Commission Hearing, the Department of Planning staff introduced amendments to clarify the rules for submitting applications for new PUDs and modifying and repealing existing PUDs. The Planning Commission voted to approve the bill and the amendments.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0321, as well as the Department of Planning's amendments.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*