



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner



Date: July 14, 2021

Re: City Council Bill 21-0055 Zoning - Conditional Use Retail Goods Establishment (With Alcoholic Beverages Sales) - 2600 North Howard Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0055 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a retail goods establishment (with alcoholic beverages sales) on the property known as 2600 North Howard Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, Council Bill 21-0055 would allow for the conditional use of the property located at 2600 North Howard Street as a restaurant and retail goods establishment with alcoholic beverage sales. The Ordinance would allow the applicant to expand the scope of retailing on the premises and fill a previously unoccupied commercial space.

At its regular meeting of May 13, 2021, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its Planning Staff, who recommended amendment and approval of the Bill. The Planning Commission's amendments specify the area within the existing structure that is to be used for the purpose of a retail goods establishment with alcoholic beverages sales. The amendments also replace the Site Plan originally submitted with the Bill.

The proposed conditional use is compatible with the existing residential community and would not be detrimental to or endanger public health, safety, or welfare of the surrounding Remington and Charles Village neighborhoods.

DHCD **supports** the amendment and passage of City Council Bill 21-0055.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

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