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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0449		

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TO
 The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
 c/o Karen Randle
 Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0449 introduced by Council Member Cole.

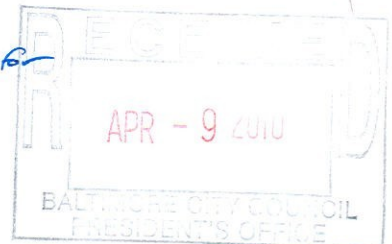
The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights to allow the unenclosed display of certain merchandise on a certain land use classification in the Druid Heights Urban Renewal Area, subject to certain conditions; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 77-376 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights and was last amended by Ordinance 94-361. The Druid Heights Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by West North Avenue on the north; Bloom Street, Division Street, and Laurens Street on the south; Pennsylvania Avenue on the west; and Tiffany Street on the east.

City Council Bill 10-0449, if approved, would allow for the unenclosed display of merchandise on both sides of the 2300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, on the east side of the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, and on both sides of the 1600 block of West North Avenue. These displays would be limited to between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The proposed amendment recognizes the need for a Minor Privilege permit to display the merchandise and to preserve at least 6 feet of clear sidewalk width. The Planning Commission, in their review of this legislation, recommends replacing the amended language that specifies the blocks for display of unenclosed merchandise with the following: "The Zoning Districts Map, Exhibit 4, indicates the applicable zoning districts. In the area designated Community Business on the Land Use Map, the unenclosed display of merchandise for sale to the public is allowed during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ..." The Planning Commission also noted that the west side of the 2300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue lies within the Sandtown-Winchester Urban Renewal Plan and the 1600 block of West North Avenue is in Penn-North. These Urban Renewal Plans would require similar amendments to allow for the unenclosed displays of merchandise.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0449 as proposed to be amended by the Planning Commission.

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