



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Shamoyia Gardiner Deputy Chief of Staff, Council President's Office

From: J Hardy, Special Assistant/ Constituent Liaison

Date: September 25th, 2025

Re: 25-0085 Sales Ordinance – Portion of West Saratoga Street

Position: Support

The Department of Real Estate submits this report in support of City Council Bill 25-0085, which authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell all interest in a 360 square foot portion of the former bed of West Saratoga Street. The area is bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street.

The property is no longer needed for public use. The University of Maryland at Baltimore has purchased the properties to the south of W. Saratoga Street and with the exception of two properties, owns the entire block. The portion of W. Saratoga Street will enable UMB to fence, improve and maintain the area, including the installation of sidewalks adjacent to the property. In addition, it will provide the University with a substantial footprint for future development.

The sale of this excess right-of-way will allow for redevelopment, support efficient land use, and potentially generate increased tax revenue and economic activity in the surrounding area.

For these reasons, the Department of Real Estate supports the passage of 25-0085.

CC:

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