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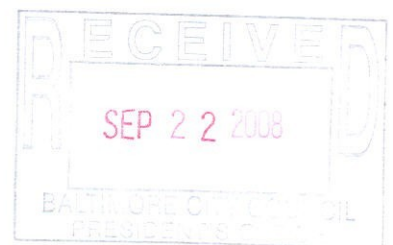
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0190 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close Brexton Street, extending from Park Avenue Northwesterly 71.1 feet, more or less, to Tyson Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-40A in the Office of the Department of Public Works.


RWN Brexton Hotel, LLC, is renovating the former Brexton Apartment Building located at 868 Park Avenue into a 22 unit apartment-hotel facility. The building is an historic structure of six stories that will be renovated to the guidelines of the Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation, a requirement of the Mount Vernon Historic District Designation. Once completed, the restored structure will effectively use the entire lot. Additional space is needed to provide areas for refuse pick-up, van parking, and a café. City Council Bill 08-0190 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 08-0189 and 08-0191), if approved, would open and close to public use a portion of Brexton Street, between Park Avenue and Tyson Street, and allow for its sale.

The area of public way to be opened measures approximately 80 feet by 20 feet by 62.3 feet by 26.5 feet. The alley abuts the southerly property line of the Brexton building site, between Park Avenue and Tyson Street. Public utilities are present in the portion of Brexton Street proposed for closure. While language in Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation protect any City utilities that are not to be abandoned, this Department will request a full width easement in the sale process to allow for continued access to the facilities. Access is preserved in Section 6 of the legislation.



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Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City
Council Bill 08-0190.



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