

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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September 21, 2017

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0108 – Urban Renewal – Mt. Washington Village
Business Area - Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0108 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Urban Renewal Plan for Mt. Washington Village Business Area to modify the boundaries of the Renewal Plan, to delete certain provisions of the Plan pertaining to powers of acquisition and condemnation made obsolete by § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to revise certain Exhibits to reflect the boundary modifications of the Plan and to reflect a change in zoning, upon approval by separate Ordinance, for a portion of the property known as 1700 South Road. The bill also deletes a certain Exhibit made obsolete by § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, waives certain content and procedural requirements, makes the provisions of this Ordinance severable and provides for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The Baltimore City Code (BCC) requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. BCC Art. 13, § 2-6(g)(1). Where, as here, a change is proposed by a Councilmember, the ordinance must be referred for review to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Planning Commission. BCC Art. 13, Section 2-6(h)(4). As this is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor



cc: Andre Davis, City Solicitor
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