



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Bob Cenname, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cenname</i>
DATE	April 13 th , 2026
SUBJECT	26-0155 Franchise – Installation of a Private 1 ½ Inch Diameter Sanitary Sewer – South Newkirk Street

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 26-0155 – Franchise – Installation of a Private 1 ½ Inch Diameter Sanitary Sewer – South Newkirk Street, the purpose of which is to grant a franchise to SI Baltimore QOZB#1, LLC (Developer’s Agreement #1757-A) to construct, use, and maintain a 1 ½ inch diameter sanitary sewer main, under South Newkirk Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Background

The proposed legislation seeks to grant a franchise to SI Baltimore QOZB#1, LLC to construct, use, and maintain a 1 ½ inch diameter sanitary sewer main, under South Newkirk Street. The legislation contains a franchise fee, which is set by the Board of Estimates (BOE). The Department of Transportation calculates the fee based on their Minor Privilege Schedule, which the BOE takes into consideration when establishing the fee.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance expects a minimal fiscal impact from the revenues generated by the fee for this agreement, which is \$210 a year.

Conclusion

This legislation grants a franchise to J SI Baltimore QOZB#1, LLC to construct, use, and maintain a 1 ½ inch diameter sanitary sewer main, under South Newkirk Street. Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 21-0122.

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