



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: September 30, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0360, Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District - Variance - 1214 Bolton Street**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0360, for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 1214 Bolton Street; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking regulations.

If enacted, this bill will allow the property at 1214 Bolton Street to be converted from a single-family dwelling to 2 dwelling units. At its regular meeting of May 9, 2019, the Planning Commission concurred with the Department of Planning staff's recommendation for approval of this bill. The Planning staff determined that the conversion would have no adverse effects on the community while advancing the public interest by increasing the housing stock that is affordable to moderate-income families. A key strategy of the DHCD Framework for Community Development is to promote access and equity by expanding affordable housing, this bill would potentially increase the number of affordable private units.

DHCD has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0360 and **supports the passage of the bill.**

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cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*