


The 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: January 17, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0176 - Alley Gating and Greening – Standards**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0176, for the purpose of clarifying a requirement that, to gate or green an alley, the majority of structures abutting the alley must be “residential”; and generally relating to the standards for the gating and greening of alleys.

If enacted, this bill would add some additional standards to Article 26. Survey, Streets, and Highways, Subtitle 8A. Gating and Greening Alleys necessary to qualify for gating and, if applicable, the greening of an alley.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0176.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
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