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|             | SUBJECT               | <b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0592</b>                                 |   |   |

**TO** DATE: February 8, 2011

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 10-0592 introduced by Council Member Stokes.

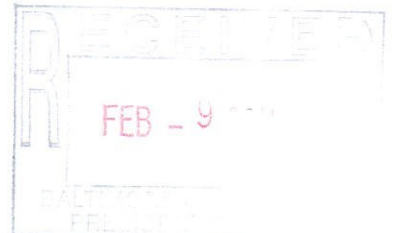
The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Oldtown to allow a conditional use, upon approval by separate ordinance, on the property known as 533/535 Oldtown Mall; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 70-760 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Oldtown and was last amended by Ordinance 07-498. The Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by Hillen Street, Forest Street and Greenmount Avenue on the west; Eager Street and Madison Street on the north; Eden Street, Central Avenue and Aisquith Street on the east; and Orleans Street on the south. The Urban Renewal Area includes the Oldtown Mall.

City Council Bill 10-0592, if approved, would add to the Urban Renewal Plan a listing of the property identified as 533/535 Oldtown Mall as a non-conforming use as a pawnshop. This specific non-conforming use property would also be noted as an exception to the prohibition of pawnshops in the Urban Renewal Area. Companion legislation (City Council Bill 10-0487) would establish the property as a conditional use pawnshop.


An owner of an existing pawnshop business formerly located at 529 Oldtown Mall purchased the subject property and wishes to re-establish the pawnshop business as well as furniture and appliance sales at the new location. The 533/535 Oldtown Mall address was subsequently consolidated and is now known as 533 Oldtown Mall. The Planning Commission considered these two companion bills and recommended approval of both, with amendments. For this Urban Renewal amendment, the Planning Commission recommended that the bill be amended to correct the Oldtown Mall address from 533/535 to 533 Oldtown Mall where it appears in the legislation, and to add the address to Appendix A of the Urban Renewal Plan.

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The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 10-0592 as proposed to be amended by the Planning Commission.



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