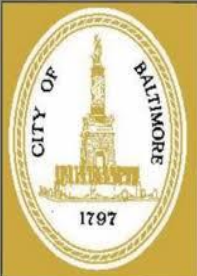


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Dr. Jason W. Mitchell, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE <i>MEMO</i>	
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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0228		

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TO:

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0228 introduced by Council Members Costello and Stokes, on behalf of the Midtown Community Benefits District.

The purpose of the Bill is to alter the boundaries of the Midtown Community Benefits District; amend the composition of the District’s Board of Directors; revise the enforcement of taxing; adjust the allowable rate of Supplementary Tax; and generally relating to the Midtown Community Benefits District.

Ordinance 95-613 authorized the creation of the Midtown Special Benefits District (the “District”) and Management Authority, and was last amended by Ordinance 20-17, which allowed for the continuation of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Authority for an additional four years. The Midtown Community Benefits District, an area of approximately 17 acres, includes the neighborhoods of Bolton Hill, Charles-North, Eutaw Place, and Mount Vernon-Belvedere. The District and Management Authority were established to promote the area; provide supplemental security and sanitation and promotional services; provide public amenities; and generally improve the quality of life in the area. In order to fund these operations, the District is designated as a special taxing district. A Board of Directors governs the Authority and includes one Mayoral representative, one City Council representative, one business representative, two non-profit representatives, two representatives from each of the four community organizations in the District, and four at-large members.


City Council Bill 20-0228, if approved, would do the following:

- Amend the boundaries of the District by removing an area bounded by Falls Road, West 20th Street, Saint Paul Street, and the south side of North Avenue;
- delete the two voting members of the Mt. Royal Improvement Association from the Board and replace with two voting members of the Bolton Hill Community Association;

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- delete the optional members of the Board representing neighborhood associations surrounding the District, and provide for up to three voting members that are organizations within the District that make voluntary contributions to the District;
- clarify that at least two thirds of the Board members must be property owners or representatives of property owners;
- delete “credits” from the list of provisions that are applicable to enforcement of the Tax; and
- allow for increasing the adjustment of the rate of the Supplemental Tax that would yield revenues of no more than 5%, to no more than 10% over the prior year’s revenues, unless 80% or more of the Board votes to support a larger increase.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0228.


Dr. Jason W. Mitchell
Director

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