



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: May 1, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0355, Rezoning – 141-145 West Hamburg Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0355, for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 141-145 West Hamburg Street from the R-7 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

If enacted, the bill will allow the property to continue to operate as a liquor store beyond June 4th, 2019. Currently, the property is subject to mandatory termination of alcohol sales on that date under the comprehensive rezoning of the City.

The Planning Department Staff recommended disapproval of the bill, citing that a goal of the comprehensive rezoning process was to reduce nonconforming alcohol outlets in residential zoning districts. This property is surrounded by residential properties in the R-7 Zoning District, a park, and a school. On April 18th, 2019, the Planning Commission voted to concur with the Staff recommendation for disapproval.

DHCD has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0355 and objects to the passage of the bill.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*