AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 25-0065 (1st Reader Copy)

By: Councilmember Torrence {To be offered on the Council floor}

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, in line 3, strike "Section 16-204" and substitute "Sections 16-204 and 16-205"; and, on page 5, after line 17, insert:

"§ 16-205. EXEMPTIONS AND RELIEF.

(A) IN GENERAL.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE, OFF-STREET PARKING IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING USES OR AREAS:

- (1) ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS, AS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND UNDER SUBTITLE 7 {"ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS"} OF THE STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE;
- (2) HEALTH-CARE CLINICS, AS DEFINED IN § 1-307(F) OF THIS CODE;
- (3) MIDDLE NEIGHBORHOODS, AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND DEFINED AS A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN WHICH: (I) THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS GREATER THAN 60 PERCENT BUT LESS THAN 140 PERCENT OF THE CITYWIDE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME; (II) THE MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE IS GREATER THAN 60 PERCENT BUT LESS THAN 140 PERCENT OF THE CITYWIDE MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE; AND (III) THE AREA IS NOT DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AS A LOW-INCOME OR DISTRESSED CENSUS TRACT AND IS NOT DESIGNATED BY THE CITY AS A HIGH-VALUE OR LUXURY HOUSING MARKET; AND
- (4) RESIDENTIAL-CARE FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL-CARE FACILITIES (AGE RESTRICTED), AS DEFINED IN § 1-312(P) AND (Q) OF THIS CODE.

(B) REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING.

FOR THOSE USES AND AREAS INCLUDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING PARKING REQUIREMENTS APPLY:

USES AND AREAS	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS	1 PER 10 PERSONS OF FIRE-RATED CAPACITY OF THE LARGEST PLACE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT
HEALTH-CARE CLINIC	3 PER 1,000 SQ. FT. OF GFA
MIDDLE NEIGHBORHOODS	1 PER DWELLING UNIT
RESIDENTIAL-CARE FACILITY	1 PER 4 EMPLOYEES ON PEAK SHIFT + 1 PER 6 RESIDENTS; HOWEVER, IF THE FACILITY DOES NOT PERMIT RESIDENTS TO HAVE VEHICLES AT THE FACILITY, THE FACILITY NEED NOT PROVIDE OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES FOR RESIDENTS

(C) INCLUSIONARY HOUSING; AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

(1) INCLUSIONARY HOUSING.

 $\frac{\text{Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, off-street parking is not required for a residential project that is subject to the inclusionary requirements under § 2B-21 {"Inclusionary Requirements"} of Article 13 of this Code.}$

(2) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

- (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, NO MORE THAN 1
 PARKING SPACE NEED BE PROVIDED FOR EVERY 2 DWELLING UNITS IN
 DWELLINGS THAT ARE ERECTED OR REHABILITATED SUBJECT TO A
 RESTRICTION THAT THE UNITS BE LEASED TO RESIDENTS WITH INCOMES AT OR
 BELOW 60% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME, WITH THAT RESTRICTION BEING
 FOR A TERM OF NOT LESS THAN 15 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF
 A USE PERMIT AND RECORDED IN THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE CITY.
- (II) THE HOUSING COMMISSIONER MUST VERIFY, BY LETTER TO THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AND THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, THE RECORDATION, TERM, AND TENOR OF THE RESTRICTION.

(D) ANNUAL PARKING UTILIZATION ANALYSIS.

- (1) THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL CONDUCT AN ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF PARKING UTILIZATION ACROSS THE CITY, THAT INCLUDES:
 - (I) THE OCCUPANCY RATES OF OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES;
 - (II) THE PARKING UTILIZATION PATTERNS IN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE DISTRICTS; AND
 - (III) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO POLICY OR INFRASTRUCTURE.
- (2) A COPY OF THE RESULTS OF EACH ANNUAL ANALYSIS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE:
 - (I) SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL, THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND
 - (II) POSTED PUBLICLY ON THE PARKING AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.
- (3) IF THE PARKING AUTHORITY DETERMINES, BASED ON THE ANNUAL ANALYSIS

 CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THAT PARKING UTILIZATION WITHIN A DEFINED

 AREA HAS REACHED A LEVEL SUCH THAT CREATES OR MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTES TO

 CURBSIDE CONGESTION OR INADEQUATE PARKING SUPPLY, THE PARKING AUTHORITY

 MAY RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING

 REQUIREMENTS IN THAT AREA BE REAUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE.";

and, on page 21, after line 10, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That, the provisions of this Ordinance repealing off-street parking minimum requirements do not apply to a property with a use that was designated prior to the enactment of this Ordinance, unless the property meets the criteria for an exemption under § 16-205(a) or (b) of the Zoning Code of Baltimore City or the property owner is granted a variance pursuant to § 16-205(d) of the Zoning Code of Baltimore City.";

and, on that same page, in line 11, strike "3." and substitute "4.".

Amendment No. 2

Strike beginning with line 3 on page 1 down through and including line 12 on page 21, and substitute:

"For the purpose of providing relief from any off-street parking requirement by variance."

By adding

Article 32 - Zoning
Section 16-209
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Section 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 32. Zoning

Title 16. Off-Street Parking and Loading

Subtitle 2. General Applicability

§ 16-209. RELIEF BY VARIANCE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE, ANY PERSON MAY REQUEST RELIEF FROM AN OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENT BY VARIANCE UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS CODE.

(B) REVIEW STANDARD.

A VARIANCE FROM REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING IS A MINOR VARIANCE AND SHALL BE REVIEWED UNDER THOSE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN § 5-304 {"MINOR VARIANCES."} OF THIS CODE.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after it is enacted.".