

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO *BM*

DATE: August 8, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 14-0360
Zoning – Conditional Use Banquet Hall and Dance Hall – 720 Mapleton Avenue

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 14-0360, an ordinance for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall and dance hall on the property known as 720 Mapleton Avenue.

This site is zoned B-3-2, and was approved by the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) for use as a catering hall and after-hours establishment with live entertainment and dancing at the Board's meeting on March 25, 2014. No variances of Zoning Code requirements were needed in connection with this approval. BDC has reviewed the ordinance and concurs with the BMZA's decision to permit the proposed use at 720 Mapleton Avenue.

In addition, BDC supports the Department of Planning staff recommendation to amend and approve the bill as follows:

- The banquet hall and dance hall must close no later than 5:00 am for events beginning on any night of the week.
- Adequate security personnel must be present in and around the banquet hall and dance hall during events.
- The banquet hall/dance hall operator or designee must immediately report any loitering on or about the property to the Baltimore City Police Department and must cooperate in any way possible to facilitate resolution of complaints.
- The banquet and dance hall must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local licensing and certification requirements.

BDC is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 14-0360 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert
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