



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: November 9, 2021

Re: City Council Bill 21-0122 Franchise – Installation of 5 Utilities/Ductbanks

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0122 for the purpose of granting a franchise to The Johns Hopkins University (Developer's Agreement #1710) to construct, use, and maintain 5 utilities/ductbanks, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0122 would grant a franchise to The Johns Hopkins University to install, to construct, use and maintain 5 utilities/ductbanks on a portion of the public right of way under Wyman Park Drive in the vicinity of 3100 Wyman Park Drive and 3200 N Charles St., to serve current and future buildings on the Johns Hopkins campus.

The terms of the franchise require that the agreement must be executed and enjoyed by the Grantee within 6 months after the effective date of the Ordinance. If approved, the legislation would become effective upon enactment. The legislation also contains a franchise fee for compensation to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which is required to be set by the Board of Estimates (BOE). The initial term of the Franchise is 1 year and will automatically renew, without any action by either the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or the Grantee, for 24 consecutive 1-year renewal terms.

DHCD has no objection to City Council Bill 21-0122, and defers to the Department of Transportation as the more directly impacted agency. The Grantee must comply with the requirements of the Baltimore City Building Code and obtain all permits, authorizations and approvals necessary to install the private utilities.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0122.

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