

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 15th, 2024

TO: Ways & Means Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO

POSITION: Favorable

SUBJECT: Council Bill #24-0550 - Zoning – Conditional Use – Retail Goods Establishment

with Alcoholic Beverage Sales – 3601 Elm Avenue

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill #24-0550 introduced by Councilmember Ramos.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to grant a conditional use variance which will allow for the continued operation of the established business known as The Wine Source located at 3601 Elm Avenue.

BRIEF HISTORY

In the process of preparing to sell the business, the owner of The Wine Source discovered that their previous Use & Occupancy permit listed a restaurant with a wine and cheese shop which was originally done to attain the shop's DB-7 liquor license. This bill will authorize the ongoing operation of the business under the current C-1 zoning classification, and is intended to facilitate a smoother liquor license transfer process upon sale of the business.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** report on City Council Bill #24-0550. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or <u>KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com</u>.

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