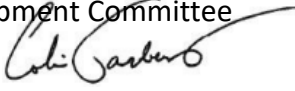




## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 15, 2023  
**TO:** Economic and Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO   
**POSITION:** Favorable  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Bill No. 23-0407  
Zoning – Discontinuance or Abandonment of Non-Conforming Use – Reporting

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 23-0407 introduced by Councilmember Ramos.

### **PURPOSE**

City Council Bill 23-0407 will establish a process for individuals to report to the Zoning Administrator that a nonconforming use, or any part of that use, has been discontinued for 12 consecutive months or been abandoned.

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

This bill will trigger the creation of an official framework through which members of the public can file a report with the Zoning Administrator if they believe that a nonconforming use of a given property has been discontinued or abandoned. This will allow community members to act quickly and through an official process when they notice a nonconforming use has ceased, as they will often be among the first to be aware. The public reporting system will allow the Zoning Administration to crowdsource a tedious task and will help them ensure that buildings are being used appropriately according to the zoning code.

### **FISCAL IMPACT TO BDC**

None.

### **AGENCY POSITION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** response to City Council Bill No. 23-0407. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or [KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com).

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