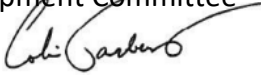




MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 29, 2023
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: No Objection
SUBJECT: 23-0425: Improving Safety and Habitability in Supportive and Other Residential Housing

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 23-0425 introduced by Councilmember Ramos on September 18, 2023.

PURPOSE

This bill would define the term “supportive housing facility” in the Baltimore City Building Code. It would further require a permit before any person may transfer ownership or operation of certain property in certain circumstances, update use and occupancy classifications, and categorize congregate living facilities as rental dwellings and requiring their licensing.

BRIEF HISTORY

This bill proposes to change several sections in the Building, Fire, related codes, and Article 13 (Housing and Urban Renewal) of the Baltimore City Code. Specifically, it would add the following to the existing list of certain uses that require a permit to be issued on transfer of ownership or operation of property: congregate living facilities, residential-care facility, rooming house and supportive housing facility. The bill also proposes to create a new Residential Group R-4 - Use and Occupancy Classification to encapsulate the following uses: alcohol and drug centers, assisted living facilities, congregate care facilities, group homes, halfway houses, residential board and care facilities, social rehabilitation facilities, and supportive housing facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT (to BDC)

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully takes a position of **no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 22-0425. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

cc: Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
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