



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner. *AK*

Date: November 5, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0576 Sale of Property - Former Beds of a 13-Foot Alley and a 20 Foot Alley

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0576 for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former bed of a 13-foot alley, extending from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20-foot alley, and the former bed of a 20-foot alley, extending from North Washington Street Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0576 would allow for the public or private sale of a 13-foot alley and a 20-foot alley to allow the operators of the recently redeveloped Hoen Building, located at 2101 East Biddle Street, to provide for the development of several satellite parking lots. These parking lots will be used by visitors, patrons, and staff to the building and attract new office and retail lessees.

This Bill is a companion piece to City Council Bills 20-0574 for the purpose of opening a 13-Foot Alley & City Council Bill 20-0575 which would condemn and close a 13-foot alley and a 20-foot alley. Collectively, the opening, closing, consolidation and sale of the alleys will allow the developer to proceed with the development of additional parking lots.

The Council recently approved 19-0402 Zoning - Conditional Use Parking Lots - Hoen Lithograph Building, which will allow the applicant to construct satellite surface parking at five locations in proximity to their building. These parking lots will support training programs currently in operation and serve future tenants of the Hoen Lithograph Building.

DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 20-0576.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*