



## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: February 7, 2023

### **Re: City Council Bill 22-0262 Landmark List: Exteriors - Baltimore City Engine Company 14 Firehouse**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0262 for the purpose of designating the Baltimore City Engine Company 14 Firehouse, 1908 Hollins Street (Block 0207, Lot 005), as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0262 would designate the exterior of the Baltimore City Engine Company 14 Firehouse located at 1908 Hollins Street as a historical landmark. The building is located one block outside of the Southwest Impact Investment Area which is undergoing significant community development.

DHCD has undertaken significant demolition on Hollins St. and the surrounding blocks along South Payson St. and South Monroe St, which presently feature a mix of two- and three-story brick rowhouses and empty lots where rowhouses have been demolished. Preserving historically significant structures will support the wellbeing and overall health of the neighborhood while it experiences growth, and community revitalization.

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) heard this Bill on January 10, 2023 and unanimously recommended approval of Landmark designation. This property is a historic resource that is significant to the Boyd-Booth neighborhood community, which supports this landmark designation of the longest-operating firehouse in Baltimore City.

DHCD recommends a **favorable** report on the passage of City Council Bill 22-0262.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

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