

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: September 9, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 19-0435 – Sale of Property - Air Rights over a Portion of the Public Right of Way of the 200 Block of North Broadway

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0435 for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in the air rights area over a portion of the public right of way of the 200 block of North Broadway and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, Council Bill 19-0435 would allow for the sale of certain air rights. Council Bill 19-0435 is a companion bill to Council Bills 19-0433 and 19-0434, collectively allowing for the opening, closing and sale over a portion of the public right-of-way of the 200 Block of North Broadway.

In their meeting of September 4, 2019, the Planning Commission approved an amendment to the Johns Hopkins South of Orleans Planned Unit Development as well as a Final Design Approval for the Skip Viragh Building.

The design of the recently constructed Skip Viragh Building, at 201 North Broadway, requires encroachment into the air rights over the public right of way because it includes a bay of windows that projects over the eastern edge of the 200 block of North Broadway, above the second-floor level.

DHCD **has no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 19-0435.

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

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