



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Matthew W. Garbark, Director, Department of Public Works
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	January 5, 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	25-0132 City Streets – Closing – North Vincent Street, Forney Street, and a 2-Foot Alley

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**Position: No Impact**

**BILL SYNOPSIS**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing North Vincent Street, Forney Street, and a 2-foot alley bounded by West Lexington Street, North Gilmor Street, West Fayette Street, and North Mount Street, to support the development of the Ruth Kirk Recreation Center. Easements will be granted for underlying utilities that are not abandoned or relocated.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

City Council Bill 25-0132 preserves all City-owned subsurface structures, including Department of Public Works (DPW) facilities, unless and until they are affirmatively abandoned; prohibits construction over closed rights-of-way unless City facilities are abandoned or relocated at the developer's expense; and guarantees DPW continued access for inspection, maintenance, repair, relocation, or replacement of facilities. Because DPW retains full ownership, control, and access, with no relocation, removal, or cost obligations imposed, Council Bill 25-0132 has no impact on the Department of Public Works.

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