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	SUBJECT	Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0328		

DATE: March 5, 2019

TO

TO Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0328 introduced by Councilman Dorsey.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Hamilton Business Area to modify the list of prohibited uses in the Community Business (now known as Community Commercial per the enactment of Article 32 – Zoning) District; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

Ordinance 79-1207 established the Urban Renewal Plan for the Hamilton Business Area and was last amended by Ordinance 08-91. The Urban Renewal area includes both sides of Harford Road, from Gibbons Street to Evergreen Avenue, and both sides of Hamilton Avenue, roughly from Twin Oak to Hampnett Avenue. The purpose of the Urban Renewal Plan is to promote and preserve an active retail corridor that serves the surrounding communities of Hamilton Hills, Glenham Belhar, and Waltherson. The Urban Renewal plan is also part of the Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street organization. The Urban Renewal Plan imposes design guidelines for the rehabilitation of the commercial properties and listed uses that are not permitted within the Urban Renewal area. One of the prohibited uses is second-hand stores. City Council Bill 19-0328, if approved, would remove the prohibition of second-hand stores within the Hamilton Business Area.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 19-0328.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960 (Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).

Sincerely,


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