
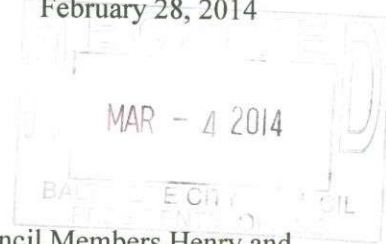


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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0326		

TO

DATE:
February 28, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0326 introduced by Council Members Henry and Curran on behalf of Belvedere Holdings, LLC.

The purpose of the Bill is to approve certain amendments to the Development Plan of the York Road and Belvedere Avenue (Belvedere Square) Planned Unit Development.

Ordinance 74-771 established the York Road and Belvedere Avenue (Belvedere Square) Planned Unit Development (PUD) and approved the Development Plan. The PUD was last amended by Ordinance 09-174. The PUD area is located east of York Road, south of Northern Parkway, west of Clearspring Road, and north of Orkney Road. The PUD is a mix of retail and office uses located on the north and south sides of Belvedere Avenue.

In the last amendment to the PUD, outdoor table service, hours of operation for the table service, and other exterior uses were defined and the permissible locations for these exterior uses were identified in an Exhibit B. Requirements for live entertainment and dancing allowed in Areas A and B were clarified, as were the responsibilities of the management of Belvedere Square to establish and maintain traffic, parking, security, and trash pickup management plans. In addition, a maximum of 30 special events per year were permitted for outdoor public gatherings, movies, live music, and multi-day artistic or seasonal festivals. The events are governed by certain time limitations, decibel levels, and appropriate management of traffic, parking, security, and trash. Tenants of Belvedere Square were allowed to have outdoor displays and sell merchandise on the sidewalks and common areas of the PUD. With the exception of Section 5 (1-3), the provisions of this amending ordinance automatically terminated three years from the date of enactment.

City Council Bill 14-0326, if approved, would reinstate the conditions under which these special events could occur. In addition, the maximum number of outdoor tables and seats would increase from 73 tables to 115 and from 250 seats to 400. The locations where these outdoor amenities would be provided are shown on a new Exhibit B (dated July 8, 2013). Exhibit B clearly indicates the required ADA clearance that must be maintained in the sidewalk areas. As with the previous Ordinance 09-174, and with the exception of Section 5(3)(b), these provisions would automatically terminate three years from the date of enactment.

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One of the legislation's provisions requires the right-of-way section of the Department of Public Works to review and approve the traffic and parking management plan and the pedestrian safety plan prepared by the management/owners of Belvedere Square. The right-of-way section was a responsibility that transferred to General Services when it became a Department, therefore a corrective amendment is necessary.

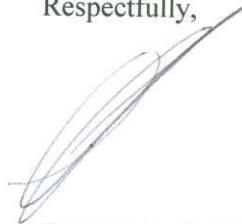
Amendment

On Page 3, line 15, replace "Public Works" with "General Services", so that it reads:

“(G) THE MANAGEMENT/OWNERS OF BELVEDERE SQUARE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A TRAFFIC AND PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN, A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN, AN OUTDOOR SECURITY PLAN, AND A TRASH PICKUP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN. THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE PARKING AUTHORITY, AND THE RIGHT-OF-WAY SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ~~PUBLIC WORKS~~ GENERAL SERVICES.”

The Department of General Services has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0326 as proposed to be amended.

Respectfully,

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STEVE SHARKEY
DIRECTOR

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