



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2026
TO: Charter Review Special Committee
FROM: Otis Rolley, President and CEO
POSITION: Defer to Department of Finance
SUBJECT: Council Bill 26-201

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on Baltimore City Council Bill 26-201 introduced by Councilman Blanchard.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to permit the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore to establish a non-lapsing parking benefits district fund. The purpose of this fund is to divert a portion of parking meter revenue in a benefits district directly to the district itself. This is a charter amendment which if passed will be placed on the ballot for adoption by the voters of Baltimore City.

BRIEF HISTORY

The goal of establishing these parking benefits districts is to ensure that a portion of revenue from metered parking is spent on certain street level improvements in said districts, which would help promote economic activity in our commercial corridors. Baltimore Development Corporation is broadly in support of this policy goal. However the operational burden of creation and administration of these districts will not fall to BDC, therefore we defer to the position of the Department of Finance, which will most likely be tasked with the disbursement and tracking of fund proceeds.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully **defers to the Department of Finance** report on City Council Bill 26-201. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Whelley at 410-837-9305 or tom.whelley@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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