



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: October 17, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0201 Sale of Property - Portion of the Former
Bed of Baltimore Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0201, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a portion of Baltimore Street, contiguous to the south side thereof and extending from Fremont Avenue, Westerly 247.0 feet, more or less, and no longer needed for public use.

The proposed legislation and its companion bill (City Council Bill 08-0200) would authorize the closing and sale of a portion of Baltimore Street. The University of Maryland, Baltimore is presently constructing a new building on the southwest corner of West Baltimore and Fremont Streets as part a of the 10-acre BioPark. The new building accidentally encroaches approximately 1.5 feet into Baltimore Street. Consequently this legislation would authorize the sale of a 2 feet wide by 247-section long section of the street's right-of-way in order to accommodate the encroachment.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0201.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

