



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: February 25, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0284, Sale of Property – Former Bed of a 10-Foot Alley Bounded by North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0284, 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 10-foot alley bounded by North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

There has been a private gate around the alley for at least 7 years, meaning it has effectively been functioning as private property for at least that long. The Planning Commission determination that this portion of the right-of-way is no longer needed for public purposes, and the owner of the abutting properties has expressed interest in possibly redeveloping the site.

HCD agrees with the Planning Commission's determination and supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0284.

MB:td

cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*