


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: November 28, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 17-0159
Sale of Property – 1001 North Smallwood Street

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill 17-0159, for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell the property located at 1001 North Smallwood Street. The City previously had disposition authority through the Rosemont Urban Renewal Plan, which was repealed in 2017 to remove certain outdated restrictions and encourage investment in the neighborhood. If passed, the Bill will re-establish the City's ability to sell the property and facilitate the redevelopment of the former ACME business complex, a site that has become a source of blight in the Bridgeview/Greenlawn community.

The BDC respectfully requests that favorable consideration is given by the City Council for Bill No. 17-0159.

cc: Kyron Banks

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0159
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)

Introduced and read first time: November 13, 2017

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Real Estate, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Sale of Property – 1001 North Smallwood Street**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public
4 or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 1001 North Smallwood Street
5 (Block 0056A, Lot 017) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special
6 effective date.

7 BY authority of

8 Article V - Comptroller

9 Section 5(b)

10 Baltimore City Charter

11 (1996 Edition)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That, in
13 accordance with Article V, § 5(b) of the City Charter, the City Comptroller may sell, at either
14 public or private sale, all the interest of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the property
15 known as 1001 North Smallwood Street (Block 0056A, Lot 017), and more particularly
16 described as follows:

17 The subject parcel (Block 0056A, Lot 017) is an improved lot, consisting of
18 23,479 square feet or approximately 0.539 acres, more or less.

19 This property being no longer needed for public use.

20 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That no deed may pass under this Ordinance
21 unless the deed has been approved by the City Solicitor.

22 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
23 enacted.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.