




BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: July 19, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0398: Urban Renewal – Poppleton – Amendment**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0398, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Poppleton to modify the boundaries of the Renewal Plan to remove certain properties, to revise certain exhibits to the Plan to reflect the change in the boundaries and to delete a certain exhibit, and to conform, clarify, or correct certain references in the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If passed, this bill will remove the University of Maryland BioPark footprint from the Poppleton Urban Renewal boundaries. City Council Bill 19-0398 is one of three bills clarifying zoning and land use in the BioPark area. The amendment to the boundaries of the Urban Renewal Plan is an important complement to the 2017 Zoning Code. The changes in this bill will help facilitate the completion of the BioPark development.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0398.

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Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Eric Tiso, *Department of Planning*