

MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 25, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0758 - Urban Renewal - Canton Industrial Area - Amendment** _

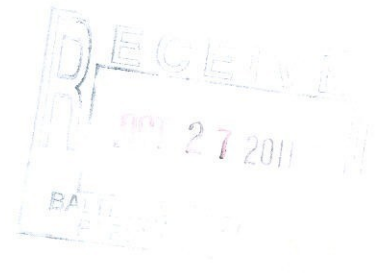
The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0758, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Canton Industrial Area to add a new land use category to the permitted land uses in the Plan and to revise Exhibits 1 and 4 to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for Block 6505, Lots 1/9, 9A and 10; 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.

The Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for the Canton Industrial Area was originally approved in 1990, and was most recently amended in 2007 through Ordinance 07-390. This bill would amend the URP for the Canton Industrial Area to, among other things, accomplish three goals: (i) add a "Commercial" category to the land use plan while specifying that in those areas designated as "Commercial", permitted uses shall include those permitted under the B-2 Zoning District Classification of the City's Zoning Code, as well as any use permitted by a separate Planned Unit Development (PUD); (ii) revises map Exhibit 1, "Land Use Plan" to reflect the change in land use categories from Heavy Industrial to Commercial; and (iii) revises map Exhibit 4, "Zoning Districts" to reflect the change in zoning for the subject property from M-3 to B-2-2. Department of Planning staff recommended one technical amendment to this bill to revise language that currently reads "Community Business" to be replaced by language that reads "Commercial."

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0758 provided bill is amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*



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