

MEMORANDUM

To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: February 2, 2009

Re:

City Council Bill 08-0242 City Streets - Sale of Property -

Subterranean Rights Under Pleasant Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0242, 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 subterranean rights under Pleasant Street, 23.35 feet east of St. Paul Place and extending Easterly 26.00 feet and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 08-0242 and its companion bills, 08-240 and 08-241, would open, close and then authorize the sale of the subterranean rights under Pleasant Street. This would allow Mercy Hospital to excavate and construct a tunnel that will connect an existing parking garage to a new 672,000 square foot hospital tower. The tunnel will be approximately 49.5 feet long and 26 feet wide.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0242.

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cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson

Ms. Diane Hutchins Mr. Andrew Frank



