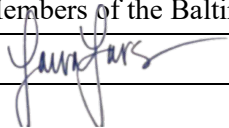




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| TO      | The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council                                                |
| FROM    | Laura Larsen, Budget Director  |
| DATE    | September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025                                                                                 |
| SUBJECT | 25-0086 City Streets – Closing – A Portion of North Chapel Street                                                |

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

**Position: Does Not Oppose**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 25-0086, City Streets – Closing – A Portion of North Chapel Street. This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to condemn and close a segment of North Chapel Street approximately 305.2 feet in length and 20 feet wide, located between McElderry Street and Jefferson Street. The bill preserves the City's rights to existing subsurface infrastructure and places responsibility for relocation or removal on the requesting party.

**Background**

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Administration, this ordinance facilitates the formal closure of a defined right-of-way segment. It expressly retains the City's ownership and access rights to existing infrastructure and prohibits new construction until City infrastructure is abandoned or relocated at the developer's expense. The closure is delineated on Plat No. 309-A-30A and is regulated by the City Charter and all applicable laws and rules adopted by the Director of Transportation.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Finance anticipates no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation. All associated costs will be borne by the developer or requesting party. The City retains full access to existing infrastructure without incurring additional costs or liabilities.

**Conclusion**

Council Bill 25-0086 authorizes the orderly and legally supported closure of a designated portion of North Chapel Street, with appropriate safeguards to preserve the City's infrastructure interests and operational authority. The ordinance reflects standard street closure practices and does not pose a financial risk to the City.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 25-0086.**

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