




MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2023
TO: Economic and Community Development
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: Council Bill 23-0435 - Zoning Code – Modifications

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 23-0435 introduced by Councilmember Schleifer.

PURPOSE

The purpose and intent of this bill is to modify and correct certain provisions to the Baltimore City Zoning Code related to the application process for non-conforming structures, minor variances, and property ownership authorization.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Baltimore City Zoning Code currently does not allow for authorization by property owners in the minor or major variance application process. Also, when non-conforming variances are granted, currently the Zoning Code does not place time limits to exercise those variances. The proposed legislation will address both issues, helping to facilitate and provide a clear direction in these two areas within the Baltimore City Zoning Code.

FISCAL IMPACT [to BDC]

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** response to City Council Bill 23-0435. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

cc: Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

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