



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2024
TO: Rules & Legislative Oversight
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: Council Bill 24-0576 – Historic Preservation – Conservation District - Establishment

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 24-0576 introduced by Councilmember Bullock.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to lay out a framework for establishing historic architectural Conservation Districts in Baltimore City to be administered by the Planning Department.

BRIEF HISTORY

The proposed Conservation Districts would feature a design review process similar to those currently used in existing CHAP Districts. The Conservation Districts will not overlap with CHAP Districts and will have less stringent guidelines for design review. The Planning Commission has had several meetings on this topic and is in favor of establishing these districts. Their report states that these districts will expand protections for historic areas which do not qualify to officially become Local Historic Districts. They will also allow homeowners to apply for historic tax credits and could eventually be used to help replace current Urban Renewal Plans.

FISCAL IMPACT [to BDC]

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0576. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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