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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0777		

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

DATE: November 3, 2011

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0777 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close certain streets and alleys bounded by Sarah Ann Street, Poppleton Street, Fairmount Avenue, and Schroeder Street, as shown on Plat 329-A-21A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

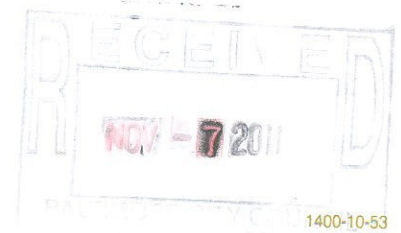
Ordinance 75-837 established the Poppleton Urban Renewal Plan and was last amended by Ordinance 07-416. Ordinance 07-419 established the Poppleton Planned Unit Development within the Urban Renewal area. The Urban Renewal area is characterized by residential and non-residential uses. To the south of the area and across Fairmount Avenue is the University of Maryland Bio-Park.

City Council Bill 11-0777, if approved, would condemn and close certain streets and alleys to public use within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area and bounded by Sarah Ann Street, Poppleton Street, Fairmount Avenue and Schroeder Street. Companion legislation (City Council Bill 11-0776) opens these streets and alleys to public use. The Department of Housing and Community Development requested these openings and closings so that the street and alley beds could be incorporated with adjoining properties to create a larger development parcel of approximately 13.5 acres. All of the abutting properties are under the control of the City. The resulting parcel is planned for the development of approximately 1,600 new housing units having a mix of affordable and market-rate housing units.

The portions of streets and alleys proposed to be closed are as follows:

- An approximately 10 foot wide by 152.3 foot long portion of Kierle Court located perpendicular to and between North Schroeder Street and North Amity Street;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 152.3 foot long portion of Vine Street located perpendicular to and between North Schroeder Street and North Amity Street;
- An approximately 3 foot wide by 152.3 foot long alley located perpendicular to and between North Schroeder Street and North Amity Street;

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- An approximately 5 foot wide by 110.5 foot long alley located perpendicular to North Amity Street and to the rear of the properties known as 928 through 942 West Lexington Street;
- An approximately 3 foot wide by 75 foot long alley located perpendicular to and between West Saratoga Street and Born Alley;
- An approximately 5 foot wide by 24 foot long alley located perpendicular to a 5 foot alley and to the rear of the properties known as 207 and 209 North Schroeder Street;
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 169 foot long portion of Page Court located perpendicular to and between North Schroeder Street and North Amity Street;
- An approximately 4 foot wide by 74 foot long alley located perpendicular to and between West Fairmount Avenue and Page Court;
- An approximately 3 foot wide by 45 foot long alley located perpendicular to Page Court and to the rear of the properties known as 22 through 28 North Amity Street; and
- An approximately 1.6 foot wide by 29 foot long alley located perpendicular to Page Court and between the properties known as 935 and 937 Page Court.

Sections 3, 4 and 6 of the legislation protect any municipal utilities not to be abandoned or relocated.

The Department of General Services supports the passage of City Council Bill 11-0777.



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