

The Baltimore City Department of  
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: September 18, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0108 - Urban Renewal – Mt. Washington Village Business Area -  
Amendment**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0108, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Mt. Washington Village Business Area to modify the boundaries of the Renewal Plan, to delete certain provisions of the Plan pertaining to powers of acquisition and condemnation made obsolete by § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to revise certain Exhibits to reflect the boundary modifications of the Plan and to reflect a change in zoning, upon approval by separate Ordinance, for a portion of the property known as 1700 South Road, and to delete a certain Exhibit made obsolete by § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this companion bill to City Council Rezoning Bill 17-0109, would support successful redevelopment of a vacant church building in the Mt. Washington Village Business Area by amending the Mt. Washington Village Business Area Urban Renewal Plan to delete obsolete and outdated provisions and exhibits. This bill would support a new owner's vision of incorporating the vacant church building for office use in the Village.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0108.

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