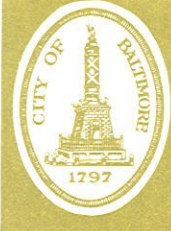


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**MEMO**



DATE: November 20, 2009

**TO**

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0304 introduced by Council Members Branch, Curran, and D'Adamo on behalf of the Belair-Erdman Neighborhood Incorporated.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for the Belair-Erdman Business Area to modify the uses in certain land use categories, change certain regulations, controls, and restrictions on land acquired by the City, modify certain rehabilitation standards, modify the duration of the Plan, provide for a penalty for violation of any provision of the Plan, and clarify, correct, and conform certain language and certain references; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 91-789 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Belair-Erdman and was last amended by Ordinance 99-572. The Urban Renewal Area extends roughly along both sides of Belair Road, from Mareco Avenue to Kenyon Avenue; and along both sides of Erdman Avenue, from Harwell Avenue to Mannasota Avenue, and along the westerly side of Erdman, from Mannasota Avenue to Lawnview Avenue.

City Council Bill 09-0304, if approved, would amend the Urban Renewal Plan to do the following:

- prohibit certain uses under the B-2-2 category and the B-3-2 category of the Zoning Code, and have street-facing ground floor uses primarily consumer-related retail or service establishments;
- correct certain Code references related to Noncomplying and Nonconforming uses;
- add design standards for security grates, window signs and blockages, overhanging and perpendicular business identification signs, and post visible street addresses;
- establish a \$500 fine for violations of the Renewal Plan provisions; and
- extend the provisions and requirements of the Plan to 40 years from the approval date of this amending ordinance.

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In considering City Council Bill 09-0304, the Planning Commission recommended the following amendments: delete certain prohibited uses proposed for the B-2-2 and the B-3-2 categories of the Zoning Code; add offices to the street-facing ground floor uses; allow unenclosed display of merchandise in the public right-of-way provided that a Minor Privilege permit is obtained and 6 feet of clear width is preserved for pedestrian and disabled persons access and use. In checking with the Department of General Services, the amending language related to outdoor merchandise displays and Minor Privilege permits is acceptable.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0304 as proposed to be amended by the Planning Commission.

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David E. Scott, P.E.  
Director

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