




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 

Date: June 11, 2020

Re: City Council Ordinance 20-0507 Rezoning – 1720 Frederick Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0507 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1720 Frederick Avenue (Block 0209, Lot 026), from the C-1 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District.

At its regular meeting of May 7, 2020, the Planning Commission did not concur with the recommendations of its departmental staff, whom recommended disapproval, and instead, voted to approve and recommend CCB 20-507 be passed by the City Council.

There are a number of businesses that are operating auto shops along the 1700 Block of Frederick Avenue. The shops have been operating for the past twenty years. If enacted, the Bill would change the zoning at 1720 Frederick Avenue from the C-1 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District. Enclosed Motor Vehicle Repair shops are not allowed in C-1 but are permissible in C-2 districts as long as the property complies with the conditions in the Zoning Article.

DHCD **takes no position on** the passage of City Council Bill 20-0507.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*