



**BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development**

**Bill 20-0579**

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**Sale of Property –  
Former Bed of a 10-Foot Alley**

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**Sponsor:** *President Brandon Scott on behalf of the Administration*

**Introduced:** *August 17, 2020*

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a 10-foot alley bounded by Etting Street, a variable width alley, West Lafayette Avenue, and West Lanvale Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**Effective:** Date of enactment

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**Agency Reports**

City Solicitor	Favorable
Department of Planning	Favorable
Department of Housing and Community Development	
Department of Transportation	
Department of Real Estate	Favorable
Department of Finance	Favorable

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## Analysis

### Current Law:

Article V – Comptroller, Section 5(b); Baltimore City Charter (1996 Edition)

### Background

If enacted, Bill 20-0579 would allow the City of Baltimore to sell a parcel of land known as the former bed of a ten-foot alley, which is bounded by Etting Street, West Lafayette Avenue, and West Lanvale Street. If approved this property would be sold to the Bethel AME Church to allow for parking for members of their congregation, this property is located in the rear of their current facility. The site of their current sanctuary which holds a capacity of approximately 1,500+ people on Druid Hill Avenue was purchased in 1910 for \$90,000.

The Department of Finance does not anticipate that there will be any financial impact. This area is no longer needed for public use and does not impact any park property, or right of way. No property owner should be negatively affected by this action.

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### Additional Information

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Agency Reports

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