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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0243		

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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 08-0243 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

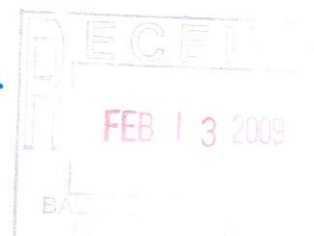
The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all its interests in and to (1) a 12-foot wide right-of-way heretofore granted to the City of Baltimore through the property of Union Railroad Company of Baltimore and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, currently owned by Pompeian, Inc., the location and course of the 12-foot wide right-of-way to be released being shown on Plat B.S. 20-20589 prepared by the Department of Public Works – Bureau of Sewers and (2) a varying in width right-of-way granted to the City of Baltimore through the property of Pompeian, Inc., the location and course of the varying in width right-of-way to be released shown on Plat R.W. 20-36189 prepared by the Survey Control Section.

Pompeian, Inc. is a food manufacturing business located at 4203 Pulaski Highway. The City of Baltimore was granted two utility easements that bisect the property. One easement was granted to the City in 1927, and the second was a temporary easement granted in 2006 for utility repairs. The easements are approximately 12 feet wide by 221 feet long and approximately 15 feet wide by 168 feet long. These easements provided access to a City-owned 54-inch storm drain and a 10-inch sanitary sewer. The co-location of these two older utility lines was found to be problematic when sewage was discovered infiltrating into the storm drain. In addition, Pompeian wanted room to expand their building and their business into the easement area. The existing utilities were relocated within a new easement area along the western and southern edges of the Pompeian property. The cost to relocate the utilities were shared by Public Works, Baltimore Development Corporation, and Pompeian, Inc. City Council Bill 08-0243, if approved, will extinguish these old easements that are no longer needed for City utility purposes.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0243.



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