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	Subject	Council Bill 11-0636 Zoning - Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing, and Rest Home (Assisted Living) - 3604 White Avenue		

To: President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o 409 City Hall

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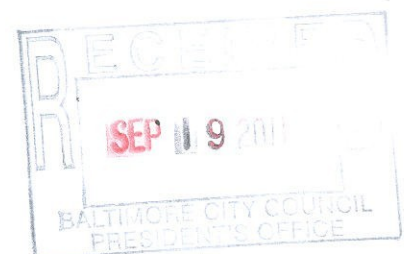
The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed Council Bill 11-0636 Zoning - Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing, and Rest Home (Assisted Living) - 3604 White Avenue. The purpose of the bill is to permit, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a convalescent, nursing, and rest home (assisted living) on the property known as 3604 White Avenue, and repeal a previous ordinance relating to the same property. The operator of the facility is seeking to increase the four (4) bed capacity of the Assisted Living Facility (ALF) to twelve (12) bed capacity at the property located at 3604 White Avenue.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) processes assisted living facilities for licensure. BCHD's Adult and Geriatric Health Services, part of the newly formed Office of Aging and CARE Services, is responsible for monitoring personal care services provided in these facilities.

The Assisted Living Facility at 3604 White Avenue would serve those who do not meet the criteria for nursing home placement but are in need of 24-hour care and supervision. Admission to a nursing home requires the need for skilled nursing services on a daily basis, while an Assisted Living Facility is appropriate for those who may have minimum need for assistance with personal care, but need close supervision due to some cognitive impairment or dementia.

The facility is a large three story single detached home with seven (7) bedrooms. On the first floor there are three bedrooms, one single, double and one with the capacity for three single beds, a foyer, a large kitchen, living room, and full bath.

On the second floor there are four (4) bedrooms, full bath, three bedrooms will have twin beds and the fourth will house a single bed. This property also has a large back yard with a deck porch and a fenced in yard for residents to sit in a shaded grassy area.



The House is located in Northeast Baltimore in the Glenham-Belhar Community. The Glenham-Belhar Community Association has submitted a letter of support to the bill's sponsor, Councilman Nicholas C. D'Adamo.

The home will operate within the guidelines established for assisted living facilities, including:

- Residents must be at least 60 years of age
- Provision of 24 hour supervision
- Compliance with all applicable federal, state and local licensing and certification requirements. Facility is licensed with Maryland state health care quality

There is ample parking in the driveway on this property. There is adequate parking in front of the house as well.

There is a continuing need in Baltimore City for housing for the frail and elderly. Baltimore City Health Department, therefore, supports the project proposed by Council Bill 11-0636 with the provision that the property is in compliance with COMAR 10.07.14, Title 10, Assisted Living Programs, and will participate in the hearing if requested to provide any information that may be needed in assisting the council in making an informed decision.

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