
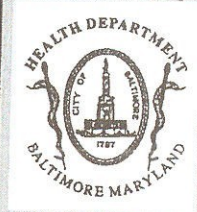


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	Subject	Council Bill 11-0770 Zoning - Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing and Rest Home – 3549- 3555 Old Frederick Road		

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-11-0770 Zoning-Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing and Rest Home – 3549-3555 Old Frederick Road. The purpose of the bill is for Project Plase to develop the property St Joseph's Monastery School located at the same address to provide housing opportunities for the City's homeless population.

This bill will allow Project Plase to renovate the Frederick Road property to accommodate the co-location of both permanent (apartment) and transitional housing. Project Plase (People Lacking Ample Shelter and Employment), the applicant, is a community-based housing service organization that provides multiple psycho-social services to the most vulnerable citizens within the homeless population.

The building contains a total of 57,300 square feet and provides for 25 off street parking spaces. Renovations would allow for a 50/50 mix of permanent housing (apartment) and transitional housing. One bedroom apartments would be used for long-term, permanent housing thus allowing for privacy for individual occupants. The transitional housing component would be comprised of single rooms in a smaller unit. The length of stay for transitional housing clients could range from six months to two years while the permanent housing units would be available long term to clients as long as the subsidy income limits are met and the client desires to remain in the environment. Support services will be on site and easily accessible. The building will also house common living areas and shared space.

Amenities in the shared space include an interviewing area for individual and group sessions, a computer lab for residents, a health suite for the nurse, a dining and meeting hall, a commercial kitchen, and an area for socialization. The building will be a green building and handicap accessible.

Project Plase has successfully served the special needs of homeless individuals in the community. This new facility will enhance services to the Baltimore community and is very much needed. Additionally, productive community meetings have been held with no issues and/or concerns to date.

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) supports Council Bill 11-0770, 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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