



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	December 10, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0114 • Zoning – Uses – Smoke Shop

Position: Without Recommendation

BILL SYNOPSIS

Council Bill 25-0114 defines smoke shops as establishments primarily engaged in the sale or on-site consumption of tobacco and/or devices used to consume tobacco, nicotine, or cannabis (such as e-cigarettes, vaporizers, and so on). The legislation would limit the number of smoke shops by requiring any new smoke shop to receive conditional use approval from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) to operate. Additionally, the bill would forbid the “clustering” of new smoke shops by forbidding a new smoke shop from being opened within 1,500 feet of an existing smoke shop or within 500 feet of any school, recreation center, or park.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Department of Transportation has reviewed the proposed changes and does not anticipate any fiscal or operational impact as a result of the legislation. Therefore, DOT provides no recommendation on Council Bill 25-0114.