



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Matthew W. Garbark, Director, Department of Public Works <i>Matthew W. Garbark</i>
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	March 27, 2026
SUBJECT	26-0155 Franchise – Installation of a Private 1 ½ Inch Diameter Sanitary Sewer – South Newkirk Street

Position: Without Recommendation

BILL SYNOPSIS

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to grant a Perpetual Easement to Vicinity Energy Baltimore Cooling, LLP, for cold water lines through the property of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore addressed as 414 North Calvert Street, also known as Ward 4, Section 1, Block 583, Lot 21, as shown on plat RW 20-36466 dated November 19, 2024, filed in the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

This legislation seeks to grant a franchise to 40N Baltimore QOZB #1 at 1610 S Newkirk Street. This franchise is to allow GAF (a materials company) to extend a private sanitary line across S Newkirk St, connecting two newly renovated buildings. This work is being performed under a developer's agreement; this franchise will serve to memorialize the sanitary line.

Upon review, it was determined that only domestic sanitary flow will be discharged into the pipe thus a discharge permit would not be required.

The Department of Public Works is without recommendation and defers to DOT on this bill.