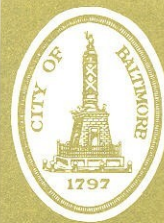


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Alfred H. Foxx, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0692		

TO

DATE: July 14, 2011

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 11-0692 introduced by Council Members Branch, Stokes, and Welch.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to amend and clarify certain land uses, and to correct, clarify, and conform certain provisions concerning nonconforming uses and noncomplying structures; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 79-1202 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East and was last amended by Ordinance 11-453. This Urban Renewal Area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, and an elementary school. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project. Ordinance 11-453 extended the acquisition and condemnation authority through and including December 31, 2014.

City Council Bill 11-0692, if approved, would allow nonconforming uses authorized by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals only in structures located on a corner. Noncomplying structures were clarified to be permitted to continue, subject to the provisions of Title 13 of the Zoning Code.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 11-0692.


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