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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0529/ PROPERTY TAX – IN REM FORECLOSURE AND SALE – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

July 10, 2020

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #20-0529, which is for the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance to withhold from tax sale certain real property designated by the Board of Estimates for foreclosure and sale under a certain process; authorizing the Mayor and City Council acting by and through the Department of Housing and Community Development to initiate an in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property for delinquent taxes; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to enact certain laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council acting by and through the Department of Housing and Community Development to commence an in rem foreclosure action; prohibiting commencing an in rem foreclosure action until tax on real property has been delinquent for a certain period and the right to appeal a certain notice has tolled; requiring certain taxes to be included in the foreclosure action; requiring any foreclosure action under this subtitle be filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and that notice and a copy of the complaint be sent to each interested party within a certain period of time and in a certain manner; ...

This bill will allow for the streamlining of the tax sale foreclosure process, which will aid the Department of Housing and Community Development's redevelopment and rehabilitation activities. For that reason, the Department of Planning has no objection to City Council Bill #20-0529, and defers to the Departments of Finance and Housing and Community Development as the more directly impacted agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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