

T R A N S M I T T A L M E M O

TO: Council President Brandon M. Scott
FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director
DATE: August 13, 2019
RE: Council Bill 19-0417



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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0417 introduced by Councilmember Bullock at the request of Mr. Mu Sok Lee.

The purpose of this bill is for permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1410 West Saratoga Street; and granting variances from certain gross floor area, gross floor area per unit type, and off-street parking regulations.

According to Baltimore City Code Art. 32 § 9-701(2), the R-8 Zoning District allows for the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling through conditional-use approval by Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. Conversion standards in Baltimore City Code Art. 32 § 9-703(f) require that at least 1 off-street parking space be provided for each dwelling unit. This proposed legislation requests a variance for the off-street parking requirements.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) reviewed the proposed legislation. A site visit was conducted during the second week of August 2019. This property is not located on a block where the PABC currently administers on-street parking programs. The PABC has determined that the available on-street parking inventory is greater than the demand for on-street parking. In addition, the PABC investigated the alley and rear of the property and determined that the alley is wide enough for vehicular travel and there appears to be sufficient room for 1 off-street parking space. However, the property is not wide enough to accommodate more than 1 off-street parking space. Therefore, the PABC has determined that the passage of this bill will not negatively impact parking in the area.

Based on the comments above, the PABC does not oppose the passage of City Council Bill 19-0417.