



## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner AK

Date: September 9, 2020

**Re: City Council Bill 20-0498 – City Streets - Opening - Two Three-Foot Alleys Bounded by Tyson Street, Wilson Alley, Park Avenue and Mulberry Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0498 for the purpose of condemning and opening two three-foot alleys, bounded by Tyson Street, Wilson Alley, Park Avenue, and Mulberry Street, as shown on Plat 303-A-18 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

At its meeting of March 28, 2019, the Planning Commission reviewed City Council Bill 20-0498 and found that these alleys are no longer needed for a public purpose and may be closed and sold.

If enacted Council Bill 20-0498 will allow for the assembly of property for the redevelopment of a large parcel in this block and is a companion piece of legislation to Council Bill 20-0499 and Council Bill 20-0500.

Collectively the bills help to consolidate adjacent properties into a larger developable parcel. The larger parcel will likely be redeveloped into a mixed-use property involving a blend of new construction and restoration of existing historical buildings.

DHCD **has no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0498.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*