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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Members of the Land Use & Transportation Committee

From: Justin A. Williams, Interim Executive Director/

CC: Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administrator

Date: November 19, 2025

Re: Council Bill Nos. 25-0055 & 0056 – Zoning – Conditional Use Parking Lot

701 & 702 Mura Street

Position: No Objection

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) has reviewed City Council Bill Nos. 25-0055 and #25-0056. These bills seek to permit the establishment, maintenance, and operation of principal use parking lots at 701 Mura Street and 702 Mura Street, respectively. Both bills require conditional use authorization by Ordinance and variances from bulk regulations, including minimum lot area, interior side yard, and rear yard requirements.

Agency Position on Approval Standards

As a quasi-judicial agency, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals typically adjudicates land use matters based on specific evidentiary standards. Because the Zoning Code requires principal use parking lots in this district to obtain Conditional Use approval by City Council Ordinance, the Board defers to the Council's judgment regarding whether the applicant has satisfied the specific approval standards outlined in the Code.

Accordingly, the Board takes no position on the specific factual merits of the applications but offers **No Objection** to the passage of these bills.

For any questions regarding this report or to discuss these concerns further, please contact Justin Williams at justin.williams@baltimorecity.gov or (410) 396-4301.