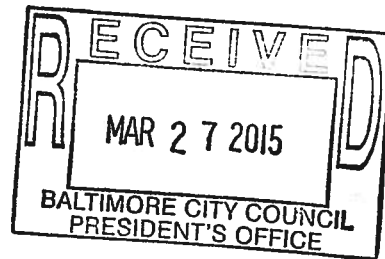




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Commissioner, HCD



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: March 26, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0485 - Urban Renewal – Sharp Leadenhall - Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0485, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Sharp-Leadenhall to modify certain permitted land uses, to delete certain provisions that allow property acquisition and the creation of disposition lots in the Renewal Plan, to modify certain provisions regarding community review and the process for amending the Renewal Plan, to clarify, conform, and correct certain language and references, to delete from the Plan certain provisions relating to inclusionary housing that have been superseded by an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council, to delete Appendix A in its entirety, to reletter Appendix B to be Appendix A and to modifying certain of its provisions, to delete certain exhibits from the Renewal Plan, to revise, renumber, and rename certain exhibits, and to add a new exhibit to the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would update the Sharp Leadenhall Urban Renewal Plan (URP) that was originally adopted in 1974 and expires in May of 2016. The planning department worked with all stakeholders between December 2014 and January 2015 and developed the proposed amendment to the existing URP to support the redevelopment of industrial properties for other uses.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0485.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

