

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



**BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND
ZONING APPEALS**

417 E. Fayette Street, Suite 922
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

September 23, 2021

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: CC Bill #21-0113 – Zoning Code- Modifications

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 21-0113 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of City Council Bill No. 21-0113 is to make needed changes to certain provisions that, during the course of actively operating under the new Zoning Code, were discovered to be functionally impractical or otherwise in need of modification to abate previously unanticipated consequences; specifying that certain applications under the Zoning Code be filed either with the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals or the Zoning Administrator; extending certain time limits for the Board to act; authorizing the Zoning Administrator or the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to deny an application under certain circumstances; modifying the outdoor seating specifications; authorizing certain reviews by the Site Plan Review Committee; authorizing that certain matters reviewed by the Site Plan Review Committee be approved by the Director of Planning; modifying certain off-street parking requirements; clarifying and establishing certain exceptions to bicycle parking design standards; establishing certain standards for long-term bicycle standards; establishing certain rules for certain circumstances involving signs; providing for measurement methodologies for building frontages; allowing electronic signs and painted/mural signs in residential districts, subject to conditional approval by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals; specifying a time period after which the authorization for a conditional sign expires; specifying certain zoning district requirements; defining certain terms; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain provisions; and generally relating to the zoning and land-use laws of the City of Baltimore.

The BMZA is deferring its recommendation on the legislation to that of the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Byrne

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Acting Executive Director

CC: Mayor's Office of Council Relations
City Council President
Legislative Reference

