



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner
DATE	March 28, 2024
SUBJECT	23-0395 - Air Rights - Closing - A Portion of Newkirk Street

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

3/28/24

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0395 - Air Rights - Closing - A Portion of Newkirk Street for the purpose of condemning and closing the air rights area, extending over a portion of the public right of way of Newkirk Street, as shown on a plat numbered 337-A-29A, dated February 25, 2022, and filed in the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If approved by the City Council, this ordinance would condemn and close the air rights area extending over a segment of the public right of way of Newkirk Street and would become effective the day it is enacted.

DHCD Analysis

DHCD recognizes that condemning and closing the air rights area extending over a portion of the public right of way of Newkirk Street will support the logistical operations of GAF, a roofing manufacturer with facilities on both sides of Newkirk Street, currently connected by a necessary materials conveyor link. The location of the air rights to be closed does not lie within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Community Development Zones or Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas. This bill is unlikely to have an operational or fiscal impact on DHCD.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on the passage of City Council Bill 23-0395.