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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0139</b>

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



**TO**

DATE: June 25, 2008

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0139 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I-A to amend the height restrictions for certain property within the project area; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 78-710 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I-A. The Urban Renewal Area is bounded by Key Highway, Light Street, Montgomery Street, the rear property lines of the properties in the 100 block of East Montgomery Street, and an alley located between the 200 blocks of Key Highway and Montgomery Street, extending to Battery Avenue. City Council Bill 08-0139, if approved, would be the first amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan.

The Urban Renewal Plan currently prohibits any vertical expansion of existing structures. If a structure is demolished, the new construction is not to be allowed to exceed the height of the previously existing structure. The proposed amendment would allow for the restoration of an historic mansard roof on the property known as 100 East Montgomery Street, recreating the former full fifth floor of the structure that was removed in 1980 under a previous renovation. A second proposed amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan would allow for the installation of any wall or surface-mounted sign that replicates historic signage on an original structure. In this case, it would allow for the reinstallation of such a sign on the 100 East Montgomery Street property, proposed to be located on the Light Street side at the third floor level of the building. Depending on the location of the sign, the owner may be required to seek a Minor Privilege Permit should it encroach upon the public way. Roof-top signs or signs extending above roof parapets would not be permitted in the Urban Renewal Plan Area.



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Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of  
City Council Bill 08-0139.



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