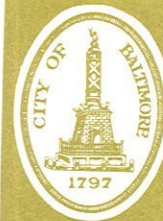


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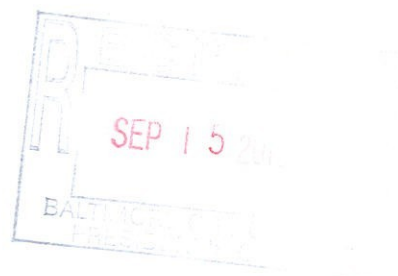
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0581 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close (1) Newgate Avenue, extending from New Vail Street, Easterly 1,510.0 feet, more or less to Vail Street, and (2) Vail Street, extending from Newgate Avenue, Northerly 825.0 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 2174-A-130 in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The City of Baltimore and the Maryland Port Administration agreed in 1988 to close a portion of Vail Street and Newgate Avenue, in conjunction with the operation of the Seagirt Marine Terminal, an intermodal container transfer facility. The Maryland Transportation Authority and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, adjoining property owners, consented to the closures. In exchange for the closing and conveyance to the State of these portions of rights-of-way, the State agreed to construct and maintain a new access road and bridge structure, called New Vail Street, and to grant a perpetual easement to its use by the public. The new access facilities are built and in use. The Maryland Port Administration is now leasing its Seagirt Marine Terminal to a private company. The lease provisions provide for the closing of the portions of Vail Street and Newgate Avenue. City Council Bill 10-0581, if approved, would close these portions of rights-of-way to public use and companion legislation (City Council Bill 10-0582) would authorize their sale. The portions requested for closure are:

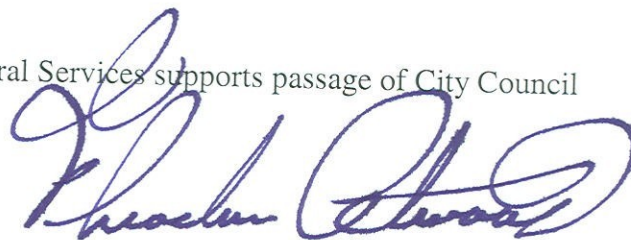
- A varying-in-width portion of Newgate Avenue, extending from New Vail Street easterly approximately 1,510 feet; and
- A curving portion of Vail Street, extending from Newgate Avenue northerly approximately 825 feet.

Any utilities to be affect by this closure are protected under Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation.



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Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council
Bill 10-0581.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theodore Atwood', written in a cursive style.

Theodore Atwood
Acting Director

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