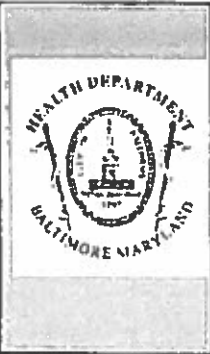


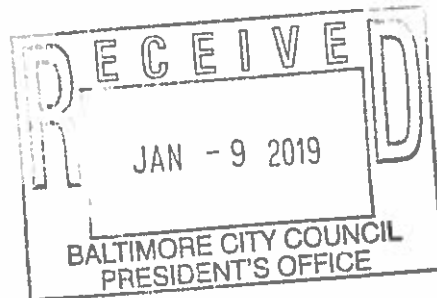
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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill #18-0290, entitled, "Zoning - Conditional Use Residential Care Facility - Variances - 1208, 1210-1222, and 1224-1226 East Baltimore Street." This legislation would allow for a zoning variance on a particular plot to allow for a residential care facility.

BCHD does not oversee the operations of residential care facilities like the one proposed by House of Freedom, Inc. However, as noted by the Centers for Disease Control, "[h]omelessness is closely connected to declines in physical and mental health; homeless persons experience high rates of health problems such as HIV infection, alcohol and drug abuse [now understood as substance use disorders], mental illness, tuberculosis, and other conditions."¹ Therefore, the Baltimore City Health Department has no objections to Council Bill #18-0290.



¹ "Public Health Professionals Gateway." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2 Mar. 2017, www.cdc.gov/phlp/publications/topic/resources/resources-homelessness.html.

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