



**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: February 2, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0236 Sale of Property - the Former Bed of
Diamond Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0236, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Diamond Street, extending from Fayette Street, northerly 195.2 feet, more or less, and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 08-0236 and its companion bills, 08-234 and 08-235, would open, close and then authorize the sale of a portion of the former bed of Diamond Street from Shad Alley to Fayette Street. This would allow the University of Maryland, Baltimore to secure the entranceway and control the access to a new 16-story high-rise residential building being constructed for graduate student housing.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0236.

PTG:pmd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Ms. Diane Hutchins
Mr. Andrew Frank

No obj.

