



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: June 17, 2020

**Re: City Council Bill 20-0497 Zoning - Conditional Use Parking Lot - A Portion of the Property known as 201 Reedbird Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0497 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a parking lot on a portion of the property known as 201 Reedbird Avenue (Block 7612L, Lot 001A); and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0497 would allow for the reuse of a former brownfield for use as a parking area to provide access to a new public park, athletic fields, the Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center and serve as a connection point for the New Green Network for Baltimore.

At its regular meeting of March, 26, 2020 the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its Departmental staff and recommended approval of City Council Bill 20-0497.

The Bill is not anticipated to have an operational or fiscal impact on DHCD. DHCD **has no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0497.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*