



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
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 18, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0426 - Urban Renewal - Harlem Park Project II - Amendment** \_

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0426, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Harlem Park Project II to amend the uses permitted in certain areas of the Plan, to revise an exhibit to reflect the changes in the Plan, to provide that to the extent there exists any conflict between the provisions of the Renewal Plan and the standards and controls of any Planned Unit Development legislation approved by the Mayor and City Council.

The proposed Urban Renewal Amendment would facilitate a new development project that would stimulate the rehabilitation of the Harlem Park community. DHCD received and approved an application from Wylie Funeral Home to construct a new and expanded funeral home on site consisting of 29 parcels located at 634 -638 North Gilmore Street, 1600 block of Harlem Avenue, and the 700 block of North Mount Street. Among these parcels are 26 city owned properties that Wylie intends to acquire and consolidate.

The new facility will consist of four reposing rooms, preparation and arrangement rooms, and a 250 seat chapel. A five car garage and a 77 space surface lot will be included at the new site. The applicant expressed to DHCD officials during a site visit last year that he hopes the neighborhood would use his facility for meeting space. In further support of the applicant's initiative, DHCD will use code enforcement and other resources to facilitate the rehabilitation of adjacent properties on Lanvale and Gilmore Streets.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0426.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Andrew Frank, *First Deputy Mayor*

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