

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 08-0239 Sale of Property - the Former Beds of 2 10-

Foot Alleys

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0239, 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 certain parcels of land known as the former beds of (1) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties formerly known as Nos. 2203 through 2227 North Howard Street and (2) a 10-foot alley laid out contiguous to the north outline of the property formerly known as No. 2214 Mace Street and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 08-0239 and its companion bills, 08-237 and 08-238, would open, close and then authorize the sale of two 10-foot alleys in the rear of 115 W. 25th Street. These alleys actually no longer physically exist but remain listed on tax plats. Their elimination would facilitate the applicant, Twenty-Fifth Street Partnership, to consolidate various parcels into a single lot for tax purposes.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0239.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson

Ms. Diane Hutchins

Mr. Andrew Frank





