



## BILL SYNOPSIS

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Bill 20-0607**

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### City Streets - Naming an Unnamed Alley, Located in the Rear of 216 East Biddle Street, Mura Alley

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Stokes

**Introduced:** September 21, 2020

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of naming an unnamed alley, located in the rear of 216 East Biddle Street, between Hunter Street and Guilford Avenue, Mura Alley.

**Effective:** The 30th day after the date it is enacted

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### AGENCY REPORTS

Planning Commission	Favorable
City Solicitor	Not Approved Unless Amended
Department of Transportation	
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation	No Objection

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### ANALYSIS

The bill would name the unnamed alley located in the rear of 216 East Biddle Street, between Hunter Street and Guilford Avenue, Mura Alley.

Baltimore City Code Article 26, § 7-3 provides that whenever a bill is introduced in the City Council to name or rename any public street, avenue, or other thoroughfare in Baltimore City, the bill shall be referred to the Department of Transportation and to the Department of Planning's Historical and Architectural Preservation Division for a written report as to the advisability of the proposed name. The Department of Transportation and the Historical and

Architectural Preservation Division shall submit their reports as soon as practicable, and no further action may be taken by the City Council on the bill pending the receipt of those reports.

In naming or changing the name of any street, avenue, or other thoroughfare, the following guidelines shall be observed:

- (1) the name may not be the same as the name of an existing street, avenue, or thoroughfare;
- (2) the name may not be the name of a living person or persons;
- (3) the name may not be the name of an existing or proposed business or of an existing or proposed product of a business; and
- (4) the name shall be given to the entire length of the street, avenue, or thoroughfare.

The Law Department stated in its report that it cannot approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency with the name Mura Alley because that name is the same as the existing Mura Street and is also the name of an existing business (Mura Software).


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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies, Bill 20-0607.

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