



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 15, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0196 – Sale of Property – 501 Orkney Road**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0196, 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 property known as 501 Orkney Road (Block 5136A, Lot 11) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if enacted, would authorize the Mayor and City Council to sell the subject property, which is a 50 foot by 200 foot lot, improved with a detached single-family structure, and is no longer needed for public use. The subject property is located in the Belvedere neighborhood, in an R-3 Zoning District, and came under the control of the City as collateral for the financing of the Senator Theatre, when payments on the mortgage were not made. HCD is committed to selling this property and returning it to the tax rolls.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0196.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

