



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Dana Petersen Moore Director of the Office of Equity and Civil Rights Baltimore City Chief Equity Officer
DATE	April 1, 2024
SUBJECT	OECR Report on Council Bill 24-0494 Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District - Prohibited Uses

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
Baltimore, MD 21202

DATE: April 1, 2024

OECR Position: Favorable

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) has reviewed and is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0494 – Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District - Prohibited Uses.

We note that the bill is advanced at the request of the National Aquarium in Baltimore. The bill

- Amends certain prohibited uses within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District
- Defines the terms “non-water dependent project”, “non-water dependent structure”, “significant development”, and “water-dependent facilities”.
- Establishes a special effective date, i.e., that it shall take effect on the date that it is enacted;
- Repeals and re-ordains with amendments Article 32-Zoning, Sections 7-702, 7-704 and 7-406 of the Baltimore City Code (Edition 2000).

CONCLUSION

The OECR has reviewed the detailed bill reports submitted by the Department of Planning and the Office of Sustainability. Based on the details and analysis contained in those reports, and our own review and determination that there is no inequity in approving Bill 24-0494, OECR supports a **favorable** committee report on Bill 24-0494.