



## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner *AK*

Date: November 2, 2020

### Re: City Council Bill 20-0573 Franchise - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0573 for the purpose of granting a franchise to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company to install, operate, and maintain electric vehicle charging stations on City right-of-way and Park Properties, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0573 would grant a franchise to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) to install, operate, and maintain electric vehicle charging stations on City right-of-way and Park Properties.

A MOU was developed between the Mayor and City Council and BGE which will establish a detailed framework that will govern the operation of EV Stations on City ROW and Park property and also on City-owned property such as parking garages and lots. The EV Stations must be made available to the public on a first come, first served basis 24 hours per day, seven days a week for a period of five years unless the Project is terminated sooner in accordance with the MOU or by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Some of the lots identified for EV Station installation are under the jurisdiction of DHCD. Led by the Department of Transportation, we were involved in a multi-agency work group for the purpose of site identification with a particular focus on installation of EV Stations in locations that will provide equitable access in underserved areas.

BGE must comply with the requirements of the Baltimore City Building Code and obtain all permits, authorizations and approvals necessary to install EV Stations

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 20-0573.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*