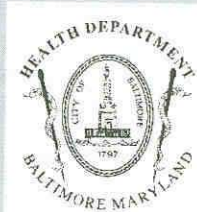


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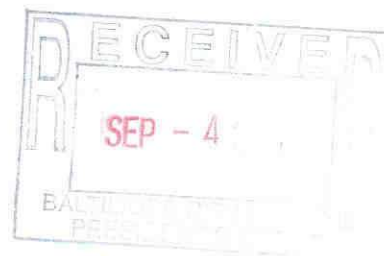
The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 13-0231 Zoning - Conditional Use Housing for the Elderly-1600 North Chester Street. The purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of housing for the elderly on the property known as 1600 North Chester Street (Block 1469, Lots 11-22, 24-31A, and 67-75), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Mary Harvin Center owns three properties in Baltimore City: Penn Square, which is operations, North Avenue Gateway and Columbus School; which are under construction. All three of these properties, as well as the Mary Harvin Center, have Edgewood Management as the Management Agent.

The Mary Harvin Center has 57 one bedroom units. It is a senior co-op project. It will have tenant services that are tailored to the senior population. The project also will have 12 units set aside (per Baltimore City requirements) for non-elderly disabled tenants.

The project is currently in the design/financing phase. It will take one year to build. Anticipated opening date is November/December 2014. There are 20 parking spaces for the project, which exceeds the zoning requirements of 14. Services to be included but not limited to are:

- Nutritional education
- Fitness
- General education
- Health services
- Emergency needs
- Transportation
- Household maintenance
- Assistance in voucher applications
- Move-in assistance
- Personal finance
- Coordination with healthcare providers
- Planned activities (game nights, health fairs, yard sales, etc.)



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This project will offer Baltimore City residents additional options for affordable housing for seniors who choose to remain independent, with safe living and supportive services. The Baltimore City Health Department and CARE Services support this project.

Therefore, BCHD has no objections to this bill.

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