



**BALTIMORE  
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: February 2, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0240 City Streets – Opening – Pleasant Street**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0240, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and opening Pleasant Street, extending from St. Paul Place, Easterly 223.9 feet, more or less, to Calvert Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-54 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

City Council Bill 08-0240 and its companion bills, 08-241 and 08-242, would open, close and then authorize the sale of the subterranean rights under Pleasant Street. This would allow Mercy Hospital to excavate and construct a tunnel that will connect an existing parking garage to a new 672,000 square foot hospital tower. The tunnel will be approximately 49.5 feet long and 26 feet wide.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0240.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
Ms. Diane Hutchins  
Mr. Andrew Frank



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