




MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 2019
TO: Land Use and Transportation Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: **City Council Bill No. 19-0400 – Zoning – Conditional Use Parking Lot – 301 East Lombard Street (aka 300 East Pratt Street)**

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 19-0400 introduced by Councilmember Costello at the request of MCB 300 East LLC.

PURPOSE

This ordinance will reauthorize the operation of a surface parking lot on the property known as 301 East Lombard Street (also known as 300 East Pratt Street)(Block 1381, Lot 002), for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

The property was previously home to the Baltimore News-American's offices. The News-American was shuttered in 1986, the building was razed, and the site was converted to surface parking in 1992. City Ordinance 92-111 first authorized the conditional use as a parking lot. Reauthorization of the conditional use was granted via ordinance in 1994, 1997, and 2013. If approved, this Bill would authorize the conditional use for three (3) years, with two possible one-year extensions if bona fide efforts have been made to develop the property.

FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

AGENCY POSITION

BDC supports City Council Bill No. 19-0400.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at (410) 837-9305 or kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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