

MEMORANDUM

To: Nick J. Mosby, President, Baltimore City Council

From: Peter Little, Executive Director

Date: June 7, 2024

Subject: City Council Bill 24-0486

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0486 introduced by Councilmember Porter at the request of Michael A. Brown.

The purpose of this bill is to permit the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 601 Cherry Hill Road, and grant a variance from off-street parking requirements.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) has reviewed the proposed legislation. PABC staff conducted a site visit in June 2024. The parcel indicated in the legislation is not adjacent to any programs managed by the PABC.

The Zoning Administrator memo dated January 9, 2024, reports that the Fire Department Inspection is needed to determine the off-street parking requirement, as one off-street parking space per ten persons of fire-rated capacity is required. PABC does not have any information from BCFD about the fire-rated capacity. The off-street surface lot on the property currently accommodates approximately 20 parking spaces, but the banquet hall would be one of several tenants in the building. However, there is available on-street parking on both sides of Cherry Hill Road and on adjoining streets to help accommodate demand.

Based on the comments above, the PABC respectfully requests a favorable report for City Council Bill 24-0486.