



# MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,  
Executive Director, HABCD  
Commissioner, FRED

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: November 8, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0144 – Urban Renewal – Carroll Camden – Amendment \_\_**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0144, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Carroll Camden to revise the specific disposition lot controls for those disposition lots identified on Exhibit 2 of the Plan, to repeal a requirement that an easement be provided for the Gwynns Falls Trail in Disposition Lots 1 and 2, and to amend Appendix A to provide that the design and rehabilitation standards are applicable to all new construction; waving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

The current Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was approved in 2006 when Ordinance 05-131 was enacted and was most recently amended in 2009 via the enactment of Ordinance 09-253. This bill, if enacted, would make a number of changes that are related to the construction and operation of the Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) facility to be located within the boundaries of the URP. City Council Bill 12-0144 would amend: (i) the Disposition Lot Table in E.6 of the URP will be updated to conform the zoning required for the VLT in certain lots from M-2-3 to B-2-3; (ii) to eliminate the now moot requirement that an easement for the Gwynn's Falls Trail be provided on certain lots, as the trail has already been constructed on City-owned land adjacent to the Middle Branch; and (iii) Appendix A of the URP to clarify that design and rehabilitation standards are to be applied to all new construction within the URP boundaries. Additionally, the Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed the amendment recommended by the Department of Planning in its report dated October 19, 2012, and supports the adoption of this amendment.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports—with the amendment recommended by the Department of Planning—the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0144.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kalliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

