



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: March 29, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0328, Urban Renewal – Hamilton Business Area – Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0328, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Hamilton Business Area to modify the list of prohibited uses in the Community Business District; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill will remove a provision in the Hamilton Business Area Urban Renewal Plan that prohibits second-hand stores. This bill is intended to remove a restriction that may deter future businesses from moving to the area.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0328.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*