

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: July 12, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0213 Street Encroachment - 420 East Randall Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0213 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of a portion of a building, to project into the public right-of-way on the east side of Henry Street on the property known as 420 East Randall Street; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0213 would allow the applicant to build a third-story addition at the property located at 420 East Randall Street located in the Riverside neighborhood.

The property currently has active permits to perform interior and exterior alterations including; construction of a two-story rear addition, a third-floor addition, rear decks on the 2nd and 3rd floors and a rooftop deck.

The property previously received a citation for work outside the scope of their permit for the construction of a portion of the building that projected into the public right-of-way. City Council Bill 22-0213 would permit the construction at 420 East Randall Street to permanently encroach on the public right of way.

DHCD does not object to the approval of the proposed encroachment. The subject property is located in a NRHP District (National Register of Historic Places) and is not in close proximity to any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas or Community Development Zones.

The Department of Housing and Community Development **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 22-0213 and respectfully requests a favorable report.

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