



**BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Economic and Community Development**

**Bill: 22-0217**

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**Franchise - Storm Drain Outfall**

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**Sponsor:** *The Council President for the Administration (Department of Recreation and Parks)*

**Introduced:** *April 4, 2022*

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to 701 Caton, LLC to construct, use, and maintain the storm drain outfall located in the City’s Lower Gwynns Falls Park, adjacent to 707 South Caton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21229, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

**Effective:** The date it is enacted.

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**Agency Reports**

City Solicitor	Favorable
Department of Housing and Community Development	No Objection
Department of Transportation	
Parking Authority of Baltimore City	
Department of Planning	No Objection/Defers to DPW
Department of Finance	
Fire Department	
Board of Estimates	

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## Analysis

### Current Law

Article VIII - Franchises; Baltimore City Charter (1996 Edition)

The Baltimore City Charter requires that any given franchises must be granted by ordinance containing terms and conditions of the grant. As required, this bill has also been referred to the Board of Estimates to determine compensation to be paid to the City for the franchise. The Board of Estimates may also alter the terms and conditions of the franchise.

### Background

Bill 22-0217 proposes to grant a franchise to 701 Caton, LLC to construct a storm drain outfall located in City's Lower Gwynns Falls Park. The site is adjacent to 707 South Caton Avenue. The utilities will be constructed, used and maintained at the expense of 701 Caton, LLC.

All terms and conditions are outlined in the bill. The bill will become effective on the date of enactment. If granted, the franchise must be executed and enjoyed within 6 months of the effective date of the ordinance. The initial term of the franchise is one (1) year. The franchise would renew automatically for twenty-four (24) consecutive 1-year renewal terms. The maximum term of the franchise is 25 years. The Mayor and City Council, acting through the Department of Public Works, may terminate the franchise after giving written notice 90 days prior to the end of the 1-term renewal terms. The Board of Estimates has authority to determine a franchise fee.

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## Additional Information

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies, Bill 22-0217

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