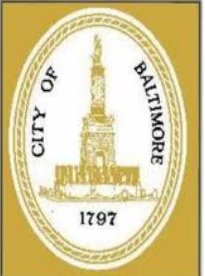


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0280		

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TO:

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0280 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area; extend the life of the Plan; remove certain properties from the list in Appendices A and B; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square was established by Ordinance 77-357 and was last amended by Ordinance 18-188. Ordinance 14-295 on line 17 of page 1 of the Bill is wrongly identified as the last amending ordinance, therefore this Department recommends that this technical correction be made to the Bill's text.

City Council Bill 22-0280, if approved, would do the following: reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation through December 31, 2026 so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with §12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. These powers were last extended through December 31, 2022 under Ordinance 18-188; extend the life of the Plan for an additional four years, through December 31, 2026; and remove certain properties from Appendices A and B of the Plan.

Provided that the technical amendment identified above is corrected, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 22-0280.


 Dr. Jason W. Mitchell
 Director