



CITY COUNCIL BILL: 23-0471

BILL REPORT

**SALE OF PROPERTY – 3000 HIGHMAN
AVENUE**

TO: The Honorable Nick Mosby, President, Baltimore City Council
FROM: Dana Petersen Moore, Director, Office of Equity and Civil Rights
THRU: Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
ANALYST: Dana Petersen Moore
DATE: February 16, 2024
POSITION: **Favorable**

INTRODUCTION

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) has reviewed and is herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0471 – Sale of Property at 3000 Highman Avenue.

The bill authorizes the Comptroller of Baltimore City to sell at either public or private sale, all the interest of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the property located at 3000 Highman Avenue (Block 7703D, Lot 009A). The property is further identified as located in Ward 25, Section 2, and consists of approximately 0.061 acres of property that is no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides that no deed may pass under the Ordinance unless the deed has been approved by the City Solicitor. Last, the bill provides that it shall take effect on the date that it is enacted.

BACKGROUND OF 3000 HIGHMAN AVENUE

The property located at 3000 Highman Avenue is a vacant lot adjacent to residential property owned by Ms. Elaine Delp. For approximately 25 years, Ms. Delp has maintained the lot, using it as an extension of the yard and garden on her property. She has also used the lot as a means of accessing the rear of her property. She has no plans to ever further develop the property and will instead maintain its current use.

There are four adjacent property owners that could be affected by the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue. All have been notified of the pending sale. None have an objection to either the sale to Ms. Delp, or its current and continuing use.

ANALYSIS

As described, City Council Bill 23-0471 will allow land not needed for public use to be transferred to the adjacent property owner who has cared for and maintained the property for more than 25 years. The property owner intends to continue the care and maintenance of the property. Significantly, no other property owner that could potentially be impacted by the sale has any objection to the sale.



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CONCLUSION

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights is grateful for the opportunity to review and report on City Council Bill 23-0471 regarding the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue. As none of the four adjacent property owners have any objection to the sale, the Office of Equity and Civil Rights is in favor of the bill, and supports a **favorable** committee report.

Respectfully submitted,

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