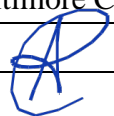




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	March 28, 2024
SUBJECT	22-0303 - City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Marion Street

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

3/28/24

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0303 City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Marion Street for the purpose of condemning and closing air rights above a portion of Marion Street, extending Westerly 103 feet, more or less, from Kimmel Alley beginning at a horizontal plane of 14 feet above street level, and closing subterranean rights below a portion of Marion Street extending Westerly 62.5 feet, more or less, from Kimmel Alley, beginning at a horizontal plane at elevation 62 feet based on Baltimore City Survey Control System, as shown on a plat numbered 330-A-28A, Sheets 1 and 2, dated June 20, 2022, prepared by the Survey Section and filed with the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If approved by the City Council, this ordinance would formally close both the subterranean and air rights over a segment of Marion Street, an alley street located on the west side of downtown Baltimore. This will facilitate a sale for the property that includes both a connecting bridge over the right of way, and underground utility tunnels. If approved, this ordinance would become effective the day it is enacted.

DHCD Analysis

Both the subterranean and air rights are currently being utilized by existing tunnel and building infrastructure for what was previously a department store spanning the street. The street segment to be closed does not lie within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Community Development Zones or Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas. This bill is unlikely to have an operational or fiscal impact on DHCD.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on the passage of City Council Bill 22-0303.