


F R O M	NAME & TITLE	Corren Johnson, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	Council Bill 24-0498		

DATE: 3/18/2024

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
SUBJECT: Council Bill 24-0498

TITLE – Rezoning - 3014-3030 Darby Street East; 3021-3039 Elm Avenue; 800-810 Darby Street South; North Side Darby Street South Adjacent 810 East; 3000-3012 Darby Street East; and 3003-3019 Elm Avenue

PURPOSE – For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 3014-3030 Darby Street East; 3021-3039 Elm Avenue; 800-810 Darby Street South; North Side Darby Street South Adjacent 810 East; 3000-3012 Darby Street East; and 3003-3019 Elm Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

COMMENTS – Council bill 24-0498 would re-zone a cluster of homes in the Hampden area from R-7 to R-8. In terms of location, the homes sit in a “peninsula” south of Mill Road that is encircled by Elm Avenue and S Darby Street. The encircling road is a narrow, curving, one-way stretch that intersects Mill Road on both ends. In terms of zoning, the change would somewhat limit the uses permitted within the peninsula. The proposed R-8 zoning is restricted to rowhouses and similar developments, whereas the existing R-7 zoning allows for detached, semi-detached, rowhouse, and multi-family developments. These changes may be beneficial, given the existing roadway space constraints. Ultimately, the Department does not expect these changes to have a negative impact on traffic congestion or parking availability.

DOT POSTION – The Department of Transportation foresees no direct operational or fiscal impact resulting from the legislation. Therefore, the Department has **no objection** to the advancement of Council Bill 24-0498.

Please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson, Director