




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	July 23 rd , 2024
SUBJECT	24-0500 Zoning - Port Covington Area of Special Signage Control – Amendment

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

7/23/24

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0500 Zoning - Port Covington Area of Special Signage Control - Amendment for the purpose of revising the criteria for the Port Covington Area of Special Signage Control; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0500 would remove the reference to the previously adopted map associated with the PC Zoning District Area of Special Signage Control, thereby allowing any additional areas zoned PC, that were not included in the Zoning Map adopted on June 5, 2017 to be part of the area of Special Signage Control. If approved, this Bill will take effect the day of its enactment.

DHCD Analysis

At its regular meeting of May 10, 2024, the Planning Commission concurred with its Departmental staff and recommended that the Bill be amended and approved by the City Council. The Commission found that this amendment would have minimal impact to the surrounding community in both the short and long term.

The current Port Covington Area of Special Signage Control does not fall within any of DHCD's Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas, Community Development Zones, or Impact Investment Areas. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill, nor would it impact any Development projects currently being undertaken by the agency.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0500.