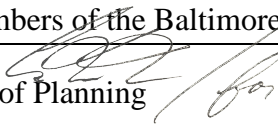




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<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Chris Ryer, Director, Department of Planning 
<b>DATE</b>	November 8, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill #24-0608

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**Position: Opposed**

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

We understand from the Law Department's report that there are erroneous references to prior law that has since lapsed, and so amendments by this bill are not possible.

Separately from the problem above, Planning is happy to be a resource providing advice on zoning analysis as may be needed. We will highlight that while we have an informed opinion, if a either legal conclusion or a formal statement of zoning interpretation is required, then that report should instead be provided by the Zoning Administrator, who is a under the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

**CONCLUSION**

The Department of Planning is respectfully opposed to this bill as currently drafted.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at [eric.tiso@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:eric.tiso@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-396-8358.