

MEMORANDUM

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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From:

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

May 30, 2013

Re:

City Council Bill 13-0217 - Sale of Property - Former Bed of Howil Terrace

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0217, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Howil Terrace, laid out contiguous to the north outline of the property known as 5928 York Road and extending Westerly 138.0 feet, more or less, to the east side of a 10-foot wide alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 5926 and 5928 York Road, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if enacted, would authorize the sale of the city-owned property known as the former bed of Howil Terrace. The subject property is bounded by York Road to the east, Northern Parkway to the North, a 10 foot alley located behind the properties known as 5926 and 5928 York Road to the west, and its southern boundary is the property known as 5926/5928 York Road, which is currently occupied by Jerry's Belvedere Tavern and Restaurant.

It is the understanding of HCD that the owner of Jerry's Belvedere Tavern is interested in purchasing this property to allow for outside seating for his customers and improvements to the entrance of the business.

The Department of Housing and Community Development respectfully defers its position on City Council Bill 13-0217 to the Department of Planning.

PTG:nb

cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

