


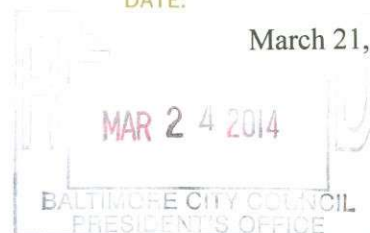
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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0329		

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

DATE:

March 21, 2014



I am hereby reporting on City Council Bill 14-0329 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys bounded by Guilford Avenue, East 21st Street, Barclay Street, and East 20th Street (Ward 12, Section 12, Block 3806), and no longer needed for public use.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore sought a Request for Qualifications in 2005 to redevelop City-owned properties in the Barclay and Old Goucher neighborhoods. The intent was to develop mixed income residential units, including affordable and market-rate homeownership, rental, and public housing units and to provide improved community amenities to complement the housing investments. The firm of Telesis Corporation was selected to implement the planned improvements. The development has been occurring in phases.

City Council Bill 14-0329, if approved, would allow for the sale of the following former street and alley beds opened and closed to public use under companion legislation (City Council Bills 14-0327 and 14-0328):

- A varying-in-width portion of Worsley Street, extending perpendicular to and between Guilford Avenue and a 10-foot alley to the rear of the properties known as 2000 and 2002 Barclay Street;
- A 3-foot wide alley located to the rear of the properties known as 332 through 338 East 20th Street;
- A 10-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 2000 through 2008 Barclay Street;
- A 10-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 2010 through 2016 Barclay Street;
- A 10-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 2003 through 2009 Guilford Avenue;
- A 10-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 2023 through 2029 Guilford Avenue; and
- A portion of East 20 ½ Street extending perpendicular to and between Guilford Avenue and Barclay Street.

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This legislation provides protection of and City access to any of its underground utilities not to be abandoned or relocated (page 5, lines 17 and 18) by making them subject to a full width perpetual easement.

Opening, closing and selling of these former street and alley beds would assist with the next phase of housing and green space development. Additional legislation (City Council Bills 14-0330 and 14-0331) provides for the closing and sale of certain streets and alleys in an adjacent block for the same purpose.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0329 provided the opening and closing ordinances are approved by the Council.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Sharkey', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

STEVE SHARKEY
DIRECTOR

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