

The Baltimore City Department of
HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: May 18, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0245 - Urban Renewal – Park Heights –Amendment _**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0245, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for Park Heights to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendix B; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would amend the URP for Park Heights to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation for another four years, until December 31, 2022 so that these actions may legally continue, in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Without this reauthorization, the authority to acquire property under the Plan will terminate on December 31, 2018.

The following 14 properties have been acquired and disposed of by the City and if the Plan is amended, the properties would be removed from the URP:

Appendix B	Block and Lot
4500 Reisterstown Rd.	3193 011
3402 Saint Ambrose Ave.	3301 119
4253 Park Heights Ave.	3307A 022
2617 Violet Ave.	3327A 034
4223 Pimlico Rd.	3347F 021
4225 Pimlico Rd.	3347F 022
4435 Pall Mall Rd.	3350 018
2932 Oakford Ave.	3350D 036

3321 W Belvedere Ave.	4580	004
4921 Park Heights Ave.	4621	008
4846 Pimlico Road	4616	098E
3100 Oakford Ave.	4629	001
4826 Lanier Ave.	4798	045
2915 Woodland Ave.	4804	026

The renewal of the acquisition authority is important to assist with addressing the concentration of blight and facilitating the rehabilitation and reinvestment of the neighborhood in accordance with the Park Heights URP.

The Department of Housing and Community Development strongly encourages the passage of City Council Bill 18-0245.

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