



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: February 22, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0303, City Streets – Closing – A Portion of West Barney Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0303, for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of West Barney Street, extended Easterly 208 feet, more or less, to the east side of Clarkson Street from the intersection of the south side of West Barney Street east side of Race Street.

The Right of Way portion of W. Barney Street currently has no pedestrian access, and the portion of Clarkson Street effectively functions as a private surface parking area. On 9/27/2018, the Planning Commission determined these street portions are no longer needed for public use. The landowner of the abutting parcels is investigating further redevelopment of the site and wishes to consolidate the street portions with his parcels.

HCD does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0303.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*