



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2019
TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 19-0328 – Hamilton Business Area – Amendment_

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0328, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Hamilton Business Area to modify the list of prohibited uses in the Community Business District; waving 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.

PURPOSE

An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Hamilton Business Area is necessary to modify the list of prohibited uses in the Community Business District.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Urban Renewal Plan is an overlay to the zoning ordinance that is more restrictive than the City's zoning. The Urban Renewal Plan for the Hamilton Business Area prohibits certain uses and the amendment seeks to remove one of those restricted uses [second hand stores] from the list of prohibited uses. By removing this restriction, it allows businesses of that type that were otherwise prohibited, to operate on the business corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

AGENCY POSITION

BDC is in support of City Council Bill 19-0328.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

cc: Jeffrey Amoros

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