




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 

Date: June 11, 2020

Re: City Council Ordinance 19-0417 Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1410 West Saratoga Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0417 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1410 West Saratoga Street (Block 0152, Lot 056), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain gross floor area, gross floor area per unit type, and off-street parking regulations.

At its regular meeting of September 12, 2019, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its departmental staff, whom recommended approval, and voted to approve City Council Bill 19-0417 and recommended that it be passed by the City Council. If enacted, the legislation would allow the petitioner to use the existing structure as two dwelling units. By approving the use as a two-family, multi-family dwelling, a piece of the community's architectural framework can be preserved, while meeting residential housing needs.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 19-0417.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*