



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner AK

Date: September 9, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0500 – Sale of Property - Two Three-Foot Alleys Bounded by Tyson Street, Wilson Alley, Park Avenue, and Mulberry Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0500 for the purpose of authorizing 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 two three-foot alleys bounded by Tyson Street, Wilson Alley, Park Avenue, and Mulberry Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

At its meeting of March 28, 2019, the Planning Commission reviewed City Council Bill 20-0500 and found that these alleys are no longer needed for a public purpose and may be closed and sold.

If enacted, Council Bill 20-0500 will allow for the assembly of property for the redevelopment of a large parcel in this block and is a companion piece of legislation to Council Bill 20-0498 and Council Bill 20-0499.

Collectively the bills help to consolidate adjacent properties into a larger developable parcel. The larger parcel will likely be redeveloped into a mixed-use property involving a blend of new construction and restoration of existing historical buildings.

DHCD has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0500.

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