



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 28, 2020  
**TO:** Housing and Urban Affairs Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO  
**POSITION:** Support  
**SUBJECT:** City Council No. 20-0574  
City Streets – Opening – A 13-Foot Alley

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 20-0574, introduced by the Council President, at the request of The Baltimore City Department of Transportation, on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and referred to BDC on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **PURPOSE**

This Bill and its companion Bill No. 20-0575, were introduced to permit the City of Baltimore to close and sell the 13-foot alley, laid out in the rear of the properties known as 2000-2030 East Biddle Street.

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

The Hoen Lithograph redevelopment at 2101 E. Biddle Street received a building permit (#2018-1608) in September 2018. The planned renovation of the existing buildings into retail and office space required 108 parking spaces. A parking exemption, approved by the Director of Planning on February 28, 2018 allowed for just 52 spaces. Now additional parking is required for leasing purposes. The Developer, 2101 E. Biddle Street, LLC, proposed off site parking lots. The proposed parking would be located in the neighboring blocks surrounding 2101 E. Biddle Street. The parking lots are identified as areas B through F. The aforementioned alley and adjacent properties will be incorporated into parking "Area C" for use by both Israel Baptist Church and tenants of the Hoen Lithograph Building.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

### **AGENCY POSITION**

The BDC supports City Council Bill # 20-0574.

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