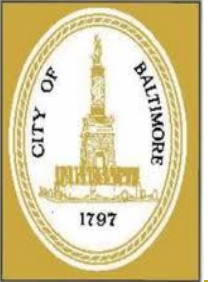


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0610		

October 23, 2020

TO:

Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0610 introduced by Council Member Schleifer on behalf of Victoria Campbell.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to repeal Ordinance 09-219, which established the Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and provide for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

Ordinance 81-392 established a Reisterstown Plaza Urban Renewal Area and Plan, which was last amended by Ordinance 01-254. Ordinance 09-219 repealed this Area and Plan, and established the current Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan. This newer Urban Renewal Plan was put in place to better align with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. The Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by Reisterstown Road to the east, the Baltimore City-Baltimore County line to the north and west, and Northern Parkway to the south. Businesses are predominate, including the Reisterstown Road Plaza Shopping Center (an approximately 50 acre property along Reisterstown Road, between Patterson Avenue and Brookhill Road), the Reisterstown Plaza Metro Transit Station, as well as some institutional and residential uses.

Since the establishment of the existing Urban Renewal Plan, the City has adopted a comprehensive update to its Zoning Code, which became effective in 2017. According to the Department of Planning, many of the design controls common to the City's Urban Renewal Plans were incorporated into the comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning Code.

OPERATIONAL/FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Public Works does not anticipate incurring any significant costs as a result of the proposed legislation.

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

Based on the analysis performed by the Department of Planning staff, and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 20-0610.



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