



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner 

Date: February 3, 2021

Re: City Council Bill 21-0003 – Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0003 for the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study certain matters related to the illegal storage of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way by motor vehicle repair establishments and motor vehicle dealerships and make certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on or before a certain date; providing for a special effective date; providing for the termination of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the illegal practice of using the public right-of-way as surplus private motor vehicle storage.

If enacted, this bill would establish a work group to study the illegal storage of motor vehicles in the public right-of-way, adjacent to auto shops and dealerships, and requires the Commissioner of DHCD, or the Commissioner's designee, to be a member of the workgroup. Enforcement of nuisance parking is presently spread amongst various agencies depending on where the vehicle is located. The Department of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement Division is responsible for investigating vehicles illegally parked on private property. The workgroup would study current response to nuisance parking and shortcomings, solutions for enforcement of nuisance parking, and the legality and feasibility of local licensing specifically for motor vehicle establishments and motor vehicle dealerships.

The findings of the study will provide guidance to DHCD and the City in addressing these issues. DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0003.

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