



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: April 5, 2021

Re: City Council Bill 21-0025 – Rezoning – 2200, 2205, 2220, 2300, 2301, 2310 2330, 2400, and 2500 Broening Highway and Block 6916, Lot 015

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0025 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 2200 (Block 6916, Lot 003), 220 (Block 6916, Lot 004), 2300 (Block 6916, Lot 005), 2310 (Block 6916, Lot 007), 2330 (Block 6916, Lots 010A and 009), 2400 (Block 6916, Lot 011), and 2500 (Block 6916, Lot 013) Broening Highway and Block 6916, Lot 015, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OIC Zoning District to the MI Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the properties known as 220 (Block 6915, Lot 001), 2301 (Block 6915, Lot 006), and 2501 (Block 6915, Lot 009A) Broening Highway, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the MI Zoning District.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0025 would rezone the above-mentioned properties to the MI Zoning District to allow the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) to proceed with the expansion of its facilities and permit their use as a “Waterfreight Terminal”. This rezoning would allow the MPA to expand maritime cargo handling and terminal operations at Seagirt Marine Terminal which would include additional warehousing, maritime related office space, and government services.

At its regular meeting of February 25, 2021, the Planning Commission concurred with its planning staff and recommended amendment and approval of the Bill. The Planning Commission recommended an amendment to remove 2201 Broening Highway and Block 6874A, Lot 10 from the plat, and to add 2501 Broening Highway to the bill title.

This rezoning is in the public’s interest, in that it will provide for the continued expansion of cargo handling operations of the Maryland Port Administration and may benefit the City through increased commerce and job opportunities.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0025.

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cc: Ms. Themelis, Nina, *Mayor’s Office of Government Relations*

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