

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2021

TO: Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO

POSITION: Support

SUBJECT: Council Bill No. 21-0057

Repeal-Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 21-0057 introduced by Councilmember Schleifer.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 09-219, which established the Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

The City of Baltimore passed a Comprehensive Rezoning Code listed in the plan, and elements in the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) are not necessarily enforceable by the plan. The City collectively now has complete streets requirements. There is also a Site Plan Review Manual and a Landscape Manual that are incorporated into the Zoning Code for streetscape and landscape requirements. There is also a Design Manual incorporated into the Zoning Code for basic design requirements, many of which were included because they were often referenced in URPs. For all of these reasons this plan is no longer needed, and repeal of the URP is the preferred option as cited by the Planning Commission on 10/8/20.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

BDC **Supports** and respectfully request that a favorable consideration be given to City Council Bill No. 21-0057.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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