

BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## **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: July 14, 2021

Re: City Council Bill 21-0064 Zoning - Conditional Use Retail Goods Establishment (With Alcoholic Beverages Sales) - A Portion of 3901 Boston Street (Also Known as 3975 Boston Street)

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0064 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a retail goods establishment (with alcoholic beverages sales) on the property known as 3901 Boston Street (also known as 3975 Boston Street), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, Council Bill 21-0064 would allow for the conditional use of a portion of the property located at 3901 Boston Street as a retail goods establishment with alcoholic beverage sales.

The Ordinance would allow the applicant to transfer an existing liquor license to a new location and exchange the existing Class B-D-7 license for a Class A-7 license, in order to place a retail goods establishment with alcoholic beverages sales in a portion of the premises.

At its regular meeting of May 13, 2021, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its Planning Staff, who recommended approval of the Bill. The property is in the C-3 zoning district, in which a retail goods establishment with alcoholic beverages sales is a conditional use requiring approval by ordinance.

The proposed conditional use of a portion of the existing commercial structure is compatible with the existing commercial area and would not be detrimental to or endanger public health, safety, or welfare of the surrounding Canton Community.

DHCD does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0064.