



## 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: August 27, 2021

### Re: City Council Bill 21-0071 Street Encroachment - 1707 Eastern Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0071 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of a portion of a building projecting into the public right-of-way on the south side of Eastern Avenue, on the property known as 1707 Eastern Avenue.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0071 would permit the new construction at 1707 Eastern Avenue to permanently encroach on the public right of way on the south side of Eastern Avenue. The property is currently subject to a vacant building notice and has active permits. The site has undergone major re-development in the last few years to include demolition of the building in 2019 and is presently undergoing construction of a three-story building within the razed building footprint. Approval of the proposed encroachment and the planned abatement of the vacant building notice will return the property back to productive re-use.

The property is also in proximity to one of DHCD's major redevelopment areas, Perkins Somerset Old town (PSO) This encroachment and subsequent redevelopment should be considered in the context of other City led initiatives generating both investment and re-activation of significant parts of East Baltimore.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has **no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0071.

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

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