



## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Commissioner

Date: January 26, 2022

### Re: City Council Bill 20-0101 Corrective Bill 2021 - General

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0101 for the purpose of correcting various errors and omissions in the City Code; correcting, clarifying and conforming certain inconsistent, superfluous, vague, ungrammatical, misnumbered, and other unclear language; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0101 would repeal and re-ordain with amendments various Articles relative to DHCD including; Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal, Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation and Article 28 – Taxes.

The majority of the changes proposed in this corrective Bill simply remove the curly brackets (also called *braces*) around various conjunctions, like “{or}” and “{and}”, for instance. These braces can currently be found throughout the various Articles and represent editorial editions made by legislative reference. With the passage of this corrective bill, we would properly incorporate them into the various articles.

Other changes proposed by the Bill include items such as replacing the word “law” with “subtitle”, “shall not” with “may not” and “paragraph” with “subsection”, along with general corrections of spelling and punctuation mistakes. This legislation does not represent a substantive change to any of the Articles administered or applicable to DHCD.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0101.

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