

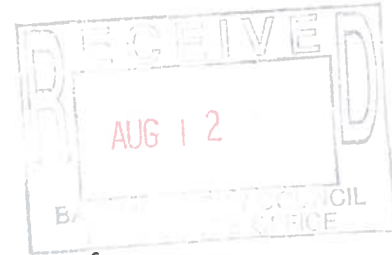
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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
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favorable

Re: City Council Bill 13-0243 – Building Code – Permit Fees for Construction Work

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0243 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill clarifies how permit fees for construction work on new buildings and additions will be calculated. It does so by adding language to Section 109 of the International Building Code contained in Section 2-103 of the Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City.

Fees charged by the City must be rationally related to the regulatory purpose for which they are charged. *See e.g., Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Canton Co. of Baltimore*, 186 Md. 618, 631-32 (1946). Housing and Community Development is requesting this language be inserted so that revenue generated can cover the costs of the permitting program.

As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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