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SUBJECT	City Council Bill #19-0344 Licensing of Rental Dwellings		



TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

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The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill #19-0344, introduced for the purpose of repealing and preordaining with amendments Article 13. Sections 5-5(a) and 5-7(a) of Baltimore City code for fiscal impact.

City Council Bill #19-0344 requires the Housing Commissioner to provide “certain alternative methods” for applicants applying for new or renewal rental dwelling licenses, and amends City Code to exempt renewal license inspection requirements for 1 and 2-unit family dwellings under certain conditions.

Impact/ Analysis-

New language inserted in section 5-5, requires the Housing Commissioner to provide an in-person or mail-in-alternative for applicants who are not able to complete the application process online. Currently, HCD has staff that provides in-person and mail-support for other paper applications, which suggests that HCD could leverage current staff and accommodate CC19-0344 with little impact.

Conclusion

The Department of Finance does not object to City Council 19-0323.

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