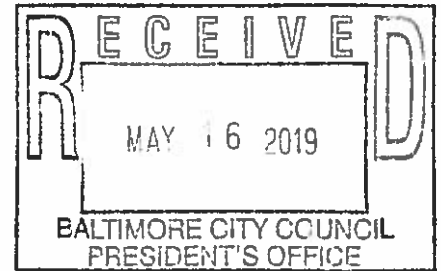




BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Favorable with
Amendments



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: May 14, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0302, Late-Night Commercial Operations - Licensing**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) would like to amend our original bill report for City Council Bill 18-0302 that was submitted on November 21, 2018.

If enacted, the bill will revise Article 15 of the Baltimore City Code to remove an exemption for the sale of motor vehicle fuel. It will also grant the Finance Department the authority to issue a late-night operations license for a business to operate a late-night delivery-only service, conditioned upon all indoor sales and dining areas being closed to the public during late-night hours.

DHCD will be requesting the administration to introduce a bill later this year that will offer additional changes to the appropriate sections of Article 15, many of which were mentioned in our original bill report. DHCD requests that City Council Bill 18-0302 be amended to remove the exemption language for the sale of motor vehicle fuel. Prior to a bill being introduced by DHCD we will work with Councilman Henry and other stakeholders to determine the best way to handle the licensing of establishments that sell motor vehicle fuel and also operate a store that is open during late-night hours.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0302 with an amendment that would remove the language pertaining to gas stations.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

