



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

ANTHONY W. BATTS
Police Commissioner

July 30, 2014

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 14-0361
Late-Night Commercial Operations – Multiple
Businesses**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

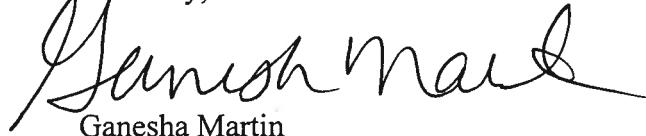
The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 14-0361– Late-Night Commercial Operations – Multiple Businesses. The proposed legislation is for the purpose of repealing exceptions for certain multiple businesses from the application, notice, objections, and hearing processes otherwise required to obtain and renew late-night operations licenses; providing for the application of this Ordinance to multiple businesses previously licensed under these exceptions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of late-night commercial operations.

The Department of Finance issues and approves late-night commercial operations licenses. This legislation would modify procedural requirements relating to late-night commercial operations where a person owns two or more businesses subject to the late-night operations licensing to submit a joint application and eliminates the exemption for such businesses renewing their license without posting, notice, objections and hearing process required for late-night commercial operations.

It is essential that the licensure applicant comply with the requirements of the legislation to ensure the public safety of the community where these late-night commercial establishments will operate. The BPD defers to the Department of Finance and their recommendations for the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ganesha Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ganesha Martin
Chief of Staff
Office of the Police Commissioner

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison