



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2019  
TO: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee  
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO  
POSITION: Support  
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 19-0315 – Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority – Renewal Through April 23, 2023

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0315, a resolution for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority (WMA). This bill is being introduced at the request of the Waterfront Management Authority.

### PURPOSE

The Waterfront Management District and Authority (WMA) was created by Ordinance 07-417 in June, 2007. As required under this initial ordinance, the WMA must be reviewed and renewed every four (4) years to determine whether it should continue.

### BRIEF HISTORY

Administered by the Waterfront Partnership and covering the Waterfront area including the Inner Harbor, Harbor East, Harbor Point and Fells Point. The WMA has been very effective in **supplementing** city services to create a cleaner and safer Waterfront. The positive impact of Waterfront Partnership has been noticed by property owners and businesses outside the current boundaries, to such an extent that during the most recent four (4) year authorizing period, they received two requests to expand their boundaries. Both expansions, into Harbor East (City Council Bill 15-0564) and into Fells Point (City Council Bill 17-0068) were approved by property owners and have successfully improved the quality of the business districts in those neighborhoods.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** City Council Bill 19-0315.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or at [kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com).

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