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SUBJECT

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City Council Bill #19-0344  
Response to Licensing of Rental Dwellings

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BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



TO

The Honorable Bernard C. Young, President  
And All Members of the Baltimore City Council  
City Hall, Room 408

DATE: March 4, 2019

**For the purpose of requiring the Housing Commissioner to provide certain alternative methods for applying for a new or renewal rental dwelling license; amending the requirements for a renewal license inspection to except a dwelling unit in a 1- or 2-family dwelling under certain conditions; and providing for a special effective date.**

**The Baltimore City Fire Department has no objections for Council Bill 19-0344: Licensing of Rental Dwellings. All rental locations must comply with all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws and shall be required to obtain all required approvals. The rental locations shall comply with the Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City 2015 Edition (As Enacted by Ord. 15-547, and Last Amended by Ord. 18-1830) and applicable Maryland laws.**

**The above does not negate any requirements for submission of plans to the Office of the Fire Marshal for review of construction, Fire Detection/Notification/Suppression Systems, and Automatic Sprinkler installation. Locations may be subject to an annual fire inspection and/or permits from the Office of the Fire Marshal.**