



**BALTIMORE
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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: July 16, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0369 Carbon Monoxide Alarms - Installation**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0369, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the installation of carbon monoxide alarms by attachment to a ceiling, in accordance with certain standards.

Several manufacturers of carbon monoxide alarms recommend installing these devices on ceilings and do not limit their installation to a wall. Furthermore, DHCD, in consultation with Fire Department staff, cannot find any specific reason that the installation of these devices need to be limited to wall surfaces only. Accordingly, the Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0369.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Ms. Diane Hutchins
Mr. Andrew Frank

