


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President 

DATE: April 8, 2009

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 09-0309
Building, Fire, and Related Codes - Enforcement

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill # 09-0309. This Bill would authorize pre-payable environmental citations to enforce violations of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, revise stop work order issuance provisions, set penalties for various violations, defines required maintenance and cleanliness standards of construction sites. This Bill also amends the Property and Maintenance Code to assign responsibility to registered owners of vehicles parked or stored in violation of the Code and provides additional authority to enforce the Building Code and Property Maintenance Code.

BDC is in support of Bill # 09-0309, as it provides for an efficient and enhanced overall authority for the City to implement code enforcement efforts that directly impact the economic development initiatives in our neighborhoods. The Bill clearly indicates that the City is determined to address numerous issues frequently cited by citizens as detrimental to overall aesthetic, sanitary and safety conditions and to levy meaningful penalties for violators of the required standards as defined in the Codes.

Therefore, BDC respectfully recommends your favorable consideration of Bill # 09-0309.

cc: Andrew Frank
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