


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. 09-0310  
Building, Fire, and Related Codes – Service Charges and Permit Fees

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill # 09-0310, for the purpose of modifying certain charges and permit fees and when they are to be remitted; and generally relating to the imposition of charges and fees under the Building, Fire and Related Codes.

This Bill would increase the permit application fees for buildings other than 1-2 family dwellings, and clarifies the penalty surcharge provisions of the Code. A significant improvement to the Fee Schedules provision is proposed by changing the calculation basis for new buildings and additions, accessory structures, alterations and repairs, and temporary structures. New construction fees would be based on per-square-foot basis, rather than a per-cubic-foot basis. Rehabilitation fees would also be based on a per-square-foot basis of effected floor area, rather than the owner's estimated cost of work. This amendment to fee calculation also complies with regional standards for fee calculations.

For the above reasons, BDC supports Bill # 09-0310 and recommends your favorable consideration of same.

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