


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
409 City Hall

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President   
Baltimore Development Corporation

DATE: May 17, 2012

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 12-0082  
Bed Capacity Fee

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill 12-0082, a resolution for the purpose of imposing a fee on the overnight bed capacity of certain non-profit institutions not subject to real property taxes.

In June 2010, the City of Baltimore and ten hospitals of the Maryland Hospital Association and five members of the Maryland Independent College and University Association entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Nonprofit Assessment Agreement** (the "Agreement"), whereby the non-profit institutions agreed to pay Energy and Telecommunications taxes to the City. The Agreement reflected the historic and distinctive role of the non-profits institutions in these institutions agreed to contribute to the City's quality of life, while at the same time these institutions agreed to contribute to the City's budget to pay for essential services. The Agreement runs through the City's Fiscal Year 2016.

BDC does **not** support the passage of City Council Bill 12-0082 because we do not believe that the City should modify or change the original Agreement with the non-profit institutions prior to 2016.

cc: Arlisa W. Anderson, BDC  
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