

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND  
ZONING APPEALS

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January 29, 2018

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

**RE: CC Bill. #18-0178: Indoor Smoking – Hookah Lounges**

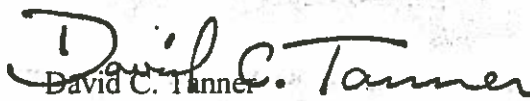
Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 18-0178 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of City Council Bill No. 18-0178 is to except hookah lounges from the City's indoor-smoking restrictions, subject to certain conditions; to repeal two obsolete exceptions that have been preempted by more stringent State law and, as such, are invalid; and generally relates to the operation of hookah lounges within Baltimore City.

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and as the subject bill does not pertain to land use, zoning, municipal, or other areas within its purview, BMZA respectfully defers to the report and recommendation of the Health Department on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
David C. Tanner  
Executive Director

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations  
Legislative Reference