

The Baltimore City Department of  
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: November 2, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0272, Zoning – Sign Regulations**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0272, for the purpose of repealing and replacing Title 17 {"Signs"} of the Zoning Code of Baltimore City to create a new method for the classification and review of signs; creating standards for signs by zoning district; creating a new method for the creation of Areas of Special Signage Control and corresponding Signage Plans; defining and redefining related terms; conforming related sections; and generally relating to the zoning and development laws of Baltimore City.

If enacted, this bill will provide a comprehensive rewrite to the sign provision of the zoning code. This bill will update definitions; clarifying exemptions; and provide clear placement, design and size regulations. These updates will make sign regulations in Baltimore City easier for the public to adhere to and for City agencies to enforce.

The Department of Housing and Community Development strongly supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0272.

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cc: Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*