



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
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<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Alice Kennedy, Commissioner, Housing and Community Development
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	June 9, 2025
<b>SUBJECT</b>	25-0059 Zoning Administrator – Transfer to Department of Planning

**Position: Favorable**

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**BILL SYNOPSIS**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0059 Zoning Administrator – Transfer to Department of Planning for the purpose of transferring the Office of Zoning Administrator and all attendant authorities and duties from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Planning.

If enacted, City Council Bill 25-0059 would transfer the Office of the Zoning Administrator from DHCD to the Department of Planning. If approved, this Bill will take effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following its enactment.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

DHCD supports the intent of City Council Bill 25-0059 to transfer the Office of the Zoning Administrator from our agency to the Department of Planning. Placing the Office of the Zoning Administrator within the Department of Planning will align Baltimore City with many other jurisdictions throughout the country. Equally, the efforts of Zoning Code review and City Planning carry much overlap. Housing them within the same physical space and broader agency may enhance internal communication and efficiency.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

As drafted, this Bill would have minimal fiscal or administrative impact on DHCD.

**AMENDMENTS**

DHCD does not seek any amendments to this Bill at this time.