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	SUBJECT	CCB #09-0309/BUILDING, FIRE, AND RELATED CODES-ENFORCEMENT		

DATE: April 8, 2009

TO The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 N. Holliday Street

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 09-0309 for review. This bill is for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of prepayable environmental citations to enforce certain violations of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article; revising the manner in which a stop-work order is to be issued; requiring the removal from construction sites and from abutting sidewalks, gutters, and alleys, of accumulated trash, garbage, waste, and debris and of nuisances; making the registered owner of a vehicle responsible for certain parking, keeping, and storing violations; and generally relating to the enforcement of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article.

This bill's objective is to cite contractors, property owners, and registered automobile owners for not properly disposing of unwanted items and for the abandonment of vehicles. Construction site debris, excessive amounts of uncontained trash, and neglected automobiles have created blight in neighborhoods within Baltimore City. Enforcing the Building, Fire, and Related Codes through citations should minimize these negligent activities. Furthermore this bill supports the Mayor's initiative to make Baltimore City "A Cleaner and Greener City".

The Department of Planning supports the adoption of City Council Bill #09-0309.

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Attachment

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