## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

DAVID C. TANNER, Executive Director 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

October 14, 2011

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #11-0766

Animal Control and Protection -Reconstitution

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill #11-0766 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to reconstitute the laws governing animals and their control and protection; prohibit certain conduct; requiring licenses or permits for certain animals; providing for the licensing and regulation of certain animal facilities; prohibit the keeping of certain animals; establishing standards for the general care and control of animals; establishing standards for the protection of animals from cruelty, abuse, and other inappropriate conduct; providing for the treatment of animals at large, dangerous animals, and vicious dogs; providing for the administration of complaints; providing for the appointment of animal control officers and for the enforcement of these laws by police officers, animal control officers, and other authorized persons; abolishing the Vicious Dog Hearing Board and substituting for it a new Animal Hearing Board with broadened jurisdiction; authorizing the adoption of rules and regulations to supplement the law; defining certain terms; changing the name of the Bureau of Animal Control to Office of Animal Control; imposing certain civil and criminal penalties; conforming certain related provisions; and generally relating to the control and protection of animals.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill #11-0766.



Sincerely,

David C. Tanner

**Executive Director** 

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