



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TO: The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 City Hall  
**Attn. Karen Randle**

FROM: James H. Green, <sup>JHG</sup> Deputy Chief Legal Counsel  
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RE: City Council Bill No. 11-0004-Late Night Commercial Operations-  
Licensing

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 11-0004-Late Night Commercial Operations-Licensing. The proposed legislation would require businesses, subject to several exceptions, to obtain a late-night operations license in order to be open to the public between the hours of midnight and 6 A.M and allows for a process of noting protest objections by members of the community upon application or annual renewal.

The BPD supports the concept of increased oversight for businesses which operate in a late-night capacity and stands willing to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area. The department recommends that any regulating procedure also take into account overall public safety concerns of the neighborhood surrounding the business. It remains the business' responsibility to provide a safe environment for its customers. Over the last several years, the BPD has observed a greater relationship of violence associated with a growing number of late-night establishments and therefore a corresponding deployment of resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

