


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Niles R. Ford, PhD, Chief of Fire Department	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Baltimore City Fire Department 401 East Fayette St. _21202		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #18-0185 Response to Non-Owner-Occupied Dwelling Units, Rooming Houses and Vacant Structures – Rental Dwellings – Registration and Licensing		

TO
**The Honorable Bernard C. Young, President
 And All Members of the Baltimore City Council
 City Hall, Room 408**

DATE: February 16, 2018

FOR the purpose of adding certain non-owner-occupied 1- and 2-family dwellings to the licensing, inspection, and related requirements for multi-family dwellings and rooming houses (collectively, “rental dwellings”); modifying the procedures and prerequisites for the registration of certain non-owner-occupied dwellings, rooming houses, and vacant structures; modifying the procedures and prerequisites for the licensing of rental dwellings; providing for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a rental dwelling license under certain circumstances; providing for judicial and appellate review of administrative decisions relating to the registration or the licensing of these structures; amending the underlying definition of “rooming house” to clarify its applicability to a bed and breakfast facility; defining and redefining certain other terms; imposing certain penalties; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; providing certain transition rules for pre-existing licenses; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the registration of non-owner-occupied dwellings, rooming houses, and vacant structures and to the licensing of rental dwellings.

The Fire Department supports City Council Bill 18-0185 provided that all applicable sections of the Fire and Building codes are adhered. This may include a requirement for plans to be submitted to the Fire Department, an annual Fire Inspection, permit, automatic sprinkler system, and Fire Alarm system.