



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: August 3, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0487 – Zoning – Office-Residence Districts  
Accessory Shops**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0487 for the purpose of increasing the maximum aggregate size allowed for certain accessory shop uses in an Office-Residence District.

If enacted, this bill would increase the allowed gross floor area for accessory shop used in an Office-Residence District to be increased from seven percent to ten percent to allow for more logically arranged space in qualifying buildings. Increasing the percentage of area that can be used for accessory shops would reduce the possibility of leaving a remainder of ground floor space that is unusable by the residential or office space users.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 15-0487.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

*No obj.*

