



MEMORANDUM

STEPHANIE
RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 11, 2012

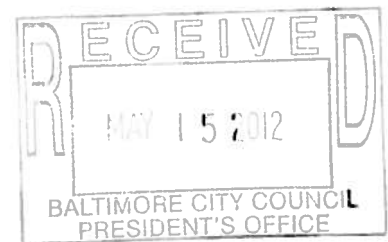
Re: **City Council Bill 12-0073 – Taxes – Outdoor Advertising Excise Tax**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0073, which was introduced for the purpose of imposing a tax on the privilege of exhibiting outdoor advertising displays in the City; providing for the administration and collection of the tax; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; making the provisions of this ordinance severable; and generally relating to a tax on the privilege of exhibiting outdoor advertising displays.

As the Department of Housing and Community Development reads this bill, it appears that it will not have any substantive effect on the current provisions regulating outdoor advertising in the Zoning Code. As such, the Department of Housing and Community Development takes no position on City Council Bill 12-0073, and defers to the Department of Finance on this matter, as their agency is more directly impacted by this proposed legislation.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*



*Defers to
finance*