



MEMORANDUM

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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: June 27, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0226 – Signs on or Affecting Public Property – Civil Penalties**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0226, which was introduced for the purpose of increasing the civil penalties for posting signs on or affecting public property; correcting and clarifying references to the relevant statute; and generally relating to penalties applicable to certain offenses being enforced by Environmental Citations or Civil Citations.

This bill, if enacted, would increase the civil penalties—specifically the environmental citation penalty and the civil citation penalty—from \$200 to \$500 for violations of Article 19 § 45-2 of the Baltimore City Code, which prohibits the posting, placement, or affixing of signs on city property in certain ways.

Additionally, HCD has reviewed the amendment recommended by the Department of Law and supports its adoption.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0226, provided the amendments offered by the Department of Law are adopted.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Chief, Economic Development*



no reply/A