



MEMORANDUM

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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: March 29, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0019 – Comprehensive Rezonings – Amendments**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0019, which was introduced for the purpose of excepting amendments to comprehensive rezoning bills from certain rules that govern amendments to multi-property rezoning bills; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the processing of comprehensive rezoning bills.

The genesis of this bill stems from the rewrite of the Zoning Code being undertaken by the Department of Planning. As the process begins to move toward introducing the new Zoning Code before the City Council, City Council Bill 12-0019 is designed to address a concern raised by the Law Department with the process. The process for changing the existing Zoning Code is contained within the Zoning Code itself, and does not contain a specific provision designed for the adoption of an entirely new code. As such, this legislation is intended to amend the current code and create such a provision that is indeed only to apply to the comprehensive, city-wide rezoning process.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0019.

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

