



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: September 24, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0064 – Burglar Alarms – No Fees For User Registrations**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0064, which was introduced for the purpose of specifying that a burglar alarm user may not be charged a fee for registering an alarm with the Police Commissioner, lowering the fines for burglar alarm violations, and generally relating to the registration and regulation of burglar alarms.

This bill, if adopted, would remove all fees for user registrations and renewals under the Burglar Alarms – Registration and Regulation Subtitle of the Police Ordinances Article of the Baltimore City Code. The burglar alarm registration program was introduced in 2004 and was operated by a private contractor from 2005 to 2010. In 2011, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) was designated the successor to the private contractor in management and oversight of the burglar alarm program. Since that time, HCD has increased efficiencies within the program wherever possible, and in Fiscal Year 2012, collected revenues totaling \$618,063 from registration and renewal fees alone.

The Department of Housing and Community Development takes no position on City Council Bill 12-0064.

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

Comments

