


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: January 28, 2016

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 16-0616  
Hookah Lounges

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on Council Bill 16-0616 –Hookah Lounges.

Baltimore City's indoor smoking law prohibits the smoking of tobacco and other substances indoors and the intent of this ordinance is to make exception for hookah lounges within Baltimore City. Such exception may have serious public health and public safety implications, therefore, BDC respectfully defers to the Baltimore City Health Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department.

cc: Colin Tarbert  
Angela Gibson

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*Defers  
to Health &  
Fire*

