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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND  
ZONING APPEALS

DAVID C. TANNER, Executive Director  
417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

August 20, 2009

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #09-0366 Zoning – Noncomplying Rowhouses  
Expansions

Ladies and Gentlemen:

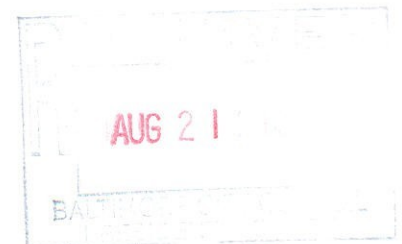
City Council Bill #09-0366 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize certain expansions of noncomplying attached or semi-detached dwellings; establishing procedures and standards for the review, approval and disapproval of applications for expansion; authorizing the imposition of conditions on the approval of an expansion; requiring compliance with those conditions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to noncomplying or semi-detached dwellings.

City Council Bill #09-0366 relates to rowhouses that are less than 16 feet wide. There are over 80,000 rowhouses in the city that are less than 16 feet wide. Renovations require the home to meet modern building code standards. In many cases only a small expansion is needed to bring the home up to code. This legislation, including a design review procedure, will allow for the redevelopment of Baltimore's rowhouse neighborhoods to continue without the need for unnecessary delay in the process.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals supports the passage of City Council Bill #09-0366. I will be in attendance at the City Council hearing to testify and answer any questions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David C. Tanner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David C. Tanner  
Executive Director

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C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations  
Legislative Reference