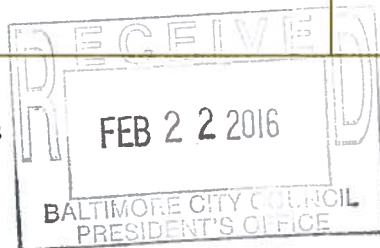


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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 16-0613</b>		

**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin  
Room 400 – City Hall



DATE: February 17, 2016

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0613, Introduced by Council President Young at the request of the Administration (Department of Legislative Reference).

The purpose of this bill is to correct certain technical errors and omissions in the City Code; repeal certain obsolete, obsolescent, or otherwise preempted, superseded, or superfluous provisions; correct, clarify, and conform certain language; and provide for a special effective date.

Legislation is introduced from time to time to correct errors, omissions, and obsolete references in the Baltimore City Revised Code (Edition 2000). The last corrective measures were adopted under Ordinance 14-307. City Council Bill 16-0613, if approved, would correct certain technical errors and omissions, and would clarify language in the Code that resulted from subsequent legislative additions and deletions. This Bill makes corrections to the following areas of the Code that are of interest to this Department:

- Article 1 (Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies) – The legislation clarifies portions of Subtitle 40 {Environmental Control Board}. The definition of “Code Enforcement Officer” is amended to clarify that a “Baltimore City Police Officer,” or “A Special Enforcement Officer Appointed Under City Code Article 19, § 71-1” are also considered “Code Enforcement Officers.” This conforms with similar usage elsewhere in the article. The legislation also conforms and clarifies language related to the compensation of the members of the Environmental Control Board and the service of environmental citations.
- Article 2 (Consumer Protections) – Subtitle 15 of this article relates to standards for Weights and Measures. It assigns the Department of Public Works to maintain an official set of standards of weights and measures, to adopt rules and regulations, to supervise all weights and measures and weighing and measuring devices for sale or in use, and to enforce State provisions. This subtitle also includes provisions for the setting of inspection service fees to be collected by the Director of Finance. Due to changes in State law Subtitle 15 is now obsolete; therefore, City Council Bill 16-0613 would delete it in its entirety. The State law no longer gives Baltimore City any authority to administer or enforce the regulation of weights and measures and the Department of Public Works has had no role in this area for decades. The State Agricultural Article, Title 11 {Weights and Measures} includes provisions for weights and measures which supersede this section of the City Code.
- Article 8 (Ethics) – The legislation makes certain corrections in Subtitle 3 {Administration} and makes revisions in the language related to compensation in order to conform with recently-enacted Ordinance 15-408.

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- Article 13 (Housing and Urban Renewal) – Subtitle 18 {On-Site Utility Contractors} includes a section on the “On-Site Utility Contractors Board.” This legislation revises the language on compensation and expenses of board members to conform with Ordinance 15-408. According to the revised language, the appointed members of the Board serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performing their duties, as provided in the ordinance of estimates.

Having reviewed City Council Bill 16-0613, the Department of Public Works finds the proposed changes and corrections to be reasonable and necessary and therefore supports its passage.

Sincerely,



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Director

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