



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABCD
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: May 20, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0092 Building Addresses - Placement

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0092, which was introduced for the purpose of requiring the address number of a building to be affixed or otherwise placed, in a certain manner, at the rear of the building as well as at the front; increasing the penalty for a violation of the laws governing building addresses; providing for alternative enforcement by environmental citation.

DHCD supports the proposed bill because the placement of an address number on the rear of buildings would greatly aid Housing Code Enforcement and other city personnel when conducting inspections in rear alleyways and yards. However, DHCD recommends that Section 6-10(B), regarding each day in violation as a separate offense, should be eliminated as inconsistent with normal regulatory practice. Alternatively, this section should be amended to require that the property owner receive notice of the violation and sufficient time to correct the infraction before fines of \$500 per day start to accrue. These changes would then make this code provision consistent with similar provisions throughout the Property Maintenance Code of Baltimore City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0092 with amendments.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

