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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0051</b>		

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**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

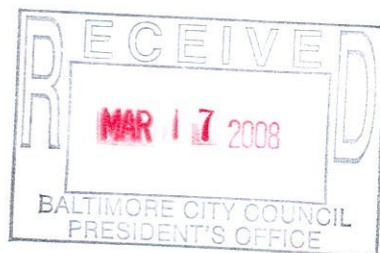
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0051 introduced by Council Members Kraft, Henry, Cole, Middleton, Reisinger, and Conaway.

The purpose of the Bill is to increase the prepayable citation penalties for certain sanitary maintenance offenses; and to correct certain cross-references to those offenses.

City Council Bill 08-0051, if approved, would increase the prepayable penalties for certain violations of the Property Maintenance Code for residential and commercial properties. Issued under the authority of Article 1 Subtitle 40 (Environmental Control Board), the residential citations for violations of the Property Maintenance Code would increase from \$50 to \$100. The commercial citations for these same violations would increase from \$100 to \$250. The increases in penalties would also be changed under Article 19 Subtitle 71 (Special Enforcement Officers) to allow for the enforcement officers to issue the new penalty amounts when citing for Property Maintenance Code violations.

The Department of Public Works did have as part of its mission the citing of exterior sanitation maintenance violations by its Sanitation Enforcement Officers. Under the purview of the Environmental Control Board, the Sanitation Enforcement Officers wrote many prepayable citations for violations of the Property Maintenance Code. However, these officers have since been relocated to the Department of Housing and Community Development as part of their inspection forces.

Increasing penalties for violations of the Property Maintenance Code may help discourage repeat offenders of the Property Maintenance Code and encourage good property upkeep. However, since Public Works no longer issues citations for these violations, the Department defers its comment on this legislation to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Environmental Control Board.



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