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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0409/ Floodplain management Code – Corrective		

TO

DATE:

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The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Office of Sustainability. The Office of Sustainability has reviewed the City Council Bill 14-0409/ Floodplain management Code – Corrective.

In March 2014 City Council approved two bills that adopted new regulated flood boundaries for the 500-year tidal zone, and updated language in the current floodplain code to meet most recent standards for flood protection. The new regulations took effect April 2, 2014. Since that time, FEMA has initiated a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) for Baltimore City to perform a more in depth analysis of our floodplain management program. Based on that analysis they recommended minor changes to the adopted floodplain regulations. The proposed changes clarify language in three sections of Article 7, Division I of the City Code, Floodplain Management, to better meet FEMA standards. These changes are required as part of the Community Assistance Visit auditing the Baltimore program for compliance. Since introduction of these changes in CCB 14-0409, FEMA has also requested one additional line of text for clarity.

FEMA requests that the following line highlighted in **bold** be added to Section 2.2 Subdistricts, section (c) of the ordinance:

- (1) The Floodway Fringe comprises those lands within the Floodplain District that:
 - (i) Are subject to inundation by a base flood; **and the .02% annual chance,**
and

With this additional amendment, the Office of Sustainability requests approval of the bill.