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	SUBJECT	Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0331		

DATE: February 25, 2019

TO

TO Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0331 introduced by Council President Young on behalf of the Administration (Department of Finance).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to correct the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modify the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and provide for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

In 2010 Ordinance 10-300 was enacted which repealed and reordained with amendments, Article 28 § 25-14 of the Baltimore City Code, modifying the basic rate of the energy tax according to certain classes of users. Annual adjustments to the basic rate, beginning in Fiscal Year 2011, were based on the percentage change in the Washington-Baltimore Consumer Price Index. Passage of City Council Bill 19-0331 would replace the Washington-Baltimore Consumer Price Index with the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson Consumer Price Index as the basis for calculating the adjusting the basic tax rate beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 and every fiscal year thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0331.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960 (Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).

Sincerely,


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