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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 TH FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CCB #09-0310/BUILDING, FIRE AND RELATED CODES – SERVICES CHARGES AND PERMIT FEES		

DATE:

April 8, 2009

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 09-0310 for review. This bill is for the purpose of modifying certain service charges and permit fees, their amounts, the bases on which they are computed, and the dates on which they are due; and generally relating to the imposition of charges and fees under the Building, Fire, and Related Codes.

City Council Bill #09-310 would modify the City's current rates for service charges and fee schedules related to building permits. The City's current system of determining fees is based on the customer's own estimation of the cost of work, which is impractical. This modification would allow the City of Baltimore to generate more revenue from applicants applying for a permit, work performed without a permit and construction out of the scope of issued permit. Also, this legislation will enable the City to collect payments for permit fees for construction of new buildings or additions, structures accessory to a principal occupancy, alterations or repairs to structures, and a yearly fee for temporary structures. The costs of these fees will be determined by the square footage of the gross floor area or the cubic feet of the gross volume of the proposed structure.

The Department of Planning supports the adoption of City Council Bill #09-0310.

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Attachment

CC: Mr. Andy Frank, Deputy Mayor
Mr. Demuane Millard, Chief of Staff
Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Commission Representative
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Ms. Deepa Bhattacharyya, Law Department
Mr. Larry Greene, Councilmanic Services
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