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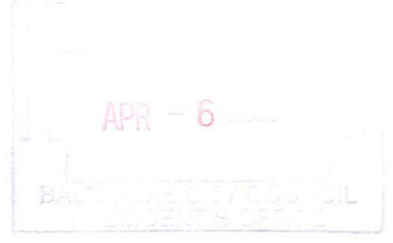
**TO** The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #10-0434 has been introduced for the purpose of modifying the provisions governing stormwater management to comply with new requirements of State law; requiring the development, review, and approval of phased plans for stormwater management; establishing certain minimum control requirements to manage stormwater by using environmental site design to the maximum extent practicable; requiring certain site design techniques and certain structural and non structural practices; requiring certain reports and inspections; providing for certain exemptions, waivers, and variances; imposing certain fees; defining and redefining certain terms; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the public health, safety, and welfare through the management of stormwater.

This Bill, if passed, would update Article 7-Natural Resources of the Baltimore City Code as it applies to the provisions of Stormwater Management. Council Bill 10-0434 would incorporate changes made to the State law under the Maryland Stormwater Management Act of 2007. These changes must meet with the approval of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and must be enacted by May 4, 2010. Changes to the Bill include provisions that require stronger controls for runoff and the use of Environmental Site Design practices for new redevelopment and redevelopment projects. Additionally, the Department of Public Works reports that there has been discussion in the State Legislature to provide administrative waivers for qualified underway projects in implementing the new stormwater requirements. The waivers would allow these projects to meet the existing stormwater requirements. The Department of Public Works reports that prior to the introduction of Council Bill 10-0434, it worked closely with the stakeholders of the Bureau of Water and Wastewater in drafting legislation.

Additional costs associated with these regulations would be incorporated into the overall budget of the construction project. For private development, this cost would be absorbed in the overall project and subject to plan review by the City. For City projects, these regulations would be factored in the scope development of stormwater projects and managed in accordance to available capital funds. Furthermore, fines and sanctions meted by the State and EPA could increase without the City's support of this bill, as the City would still be held liable to these higher standards.

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Based on these findings, and subject to comments made by the Department of Public Works, the Department of Finance supports passage of Council Bill 10-0434.

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