



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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Acting Executive Director, HABC
Acting Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner 

Date: February 8, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0020 - Building Code – Demolition Permit Fees**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0020 for the purpose of modifying the maximum permit fee for the demolition of structures (other than interior only).

If enacted, this bill would change the \$5,000 maximum permit fee from **per structure** to **per permit**. Currently, the permit fee for demolition is based on per cubic foot volume of a structure and the maximum fee is \$5,000 **per structure**. As a result, the demolition fee for a very tall building on a single lot could be much less than the permit fee for demolition of two large buildings on the same lot. The capping of the maximum permit fee **per permit** instead of **per structure** would bring the permit fees for a tall structure on a single lot in line with the permit fees for more than one structure on a single lot.

The Department of Housing and Community Development encourages the passage of City Council Bill 17-0020.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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