

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND  
ZONING APPEALS

DAVID C. TANNER, Executive Director  
417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

November 19, 2008

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #08-0210 – Vacant Structures – Requisites for Transfer

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 08-0210 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit the transfer of certain vacant structures without approved plans for the minimal repair of the structures; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the transfer of vacant structures.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and respects the intent of the proposed legislation to address the blight of vacant properties, and the negative impact that they can have on neighborhoods. The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has concerns that if City Council Bill 08-0210 is passed it would be difficult to administer or enforce, the Board also concurs with the recommendation of the Department of Housing and respectfully opposes the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0210.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner  
Executive Director

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C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations  
Legislative Reference

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