



MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director
& Commissioner

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: September 27, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0500 - Zoning Legislation - Amendments**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0500, which was introduced for the purpose of excepting from the requirement for rehearing an amended zoning legislation if the amendment consists only of a change in punctuation, grammar, or spelling or otherwise does not in any way alter the substance of the ordinance.

This proposed legislation seems to be a sensible, straight forward revision to the zoning legislative process. By creating an exception to the requirement of holding hearing for a non-substantive amendment will save time and resources. Since zoning hearings are required to be posted and advertised, City Council Bill 10-0500 would also save applicants and agencies from making these expenditures for inconsequential revisions.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0500 and defers to the Planning Commission for further comment.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

F/Refers to Planning

