


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President 

DATE: December 23, 2009

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 09-0429
Required Parking for Bicycles

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-429: Required Parking for Bicycles. The Bill relates to new regulations requiring employers to provide bicycle parking spaces, requiring developers to provide bicycle parking spaces in vehicle parking facilities, and allowing developers to substitute some required vehicle parking spaces for bicycle parking spaces.

Improving infrastructure for cyclists helps to improve the livability of the Baltimore's neighborhoods by providing additional transportation options for the city's residents. Creating a more livable city is imperative for attracting new residents, businesses, and investment to Baltimore. The regulations contained within this Bill will aid in making cycling a viable alternative to vehicular transportation in the city by providing safe and convenient storage for bicycles near places of employment.

Additionally, the goals of this Bill are in line with initiatives supported by the BDC and the City, including the Baltimore Sustainability Plan, the Bicycle Master Plan, and the Mayor's Cleaner, Greener, Safer and Healthier Baltimore. The BDC is pleased to support passage of this Bill

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