

MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: November 3, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0043 - Zoning - Conversion of 1- or 2-Family Dwellings - R-8 Zoning District**

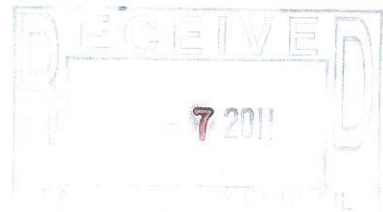
The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0043, which was introduced for the purpose of removing the R-8 District from among those districts in which an exception may be sought from the general prohibition against converting 1- or 2-family dwellings to larger occupancies.

This bill relates to the authority of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) to authorize certain conditional uses. Specifically, this bill would remove the ability of owners of properties located in an R-8 District to seek BMZA approval for a conditional use to convert a single-family dwelling to a 2-family dwelling subject to certain minimum lot size requirements being met.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0043.

PTG:nb

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



no reply