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Executive Director, HABC
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Paul T. Graziano
Housing Commissioner

DATE: May 6, 2011

SUBJECT: **City Council Bill 11-0685 – Water Required Meter Readings**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has preliminarily reviewed City Council Bill 11-0685 introduced by Council Members Clarke, D'Adamo, Curran, Branch, Kraft, Cole, Middleton, Holton, Stokes, Welch, Reisinger, Conaway, Henry and Spector.

The purpose of the Bill is to ensure that actual rather than estimated water meter readings are made; require that actual rather than estimated water meter readings are used for residential billing purposes; and generally relating to water meter readings and billings. City Council Bill 11-0685 further proposes to amend § 1-2 (Rates and Charges) of Article 24 to require actual meter readings four times a year and to prohibit the issuance of an estimated water bill to any residential customer.

The Department of Housing and Community Development is currently reviewing the water billing process for properties under its jurisdiction and those in the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's inventory. The findings from our review, if relevant, will be presented as supplemental information during the hearing.

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

Comments

