



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: November 17, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0203 Retail Business Districts - Sanitation and Public Safety**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0203, which was introduced for the purpose of including sanitation and public safety activities to the management services that may be provided by a Business Association within a Retail Business District; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; and generally related to the purposes and operations of Retail Business Districts.

The proposed legislation would amend specific sections of Article 14 - Special Benefits Districts of the Baltimore City Code to include language permitting business associations to provide sanitation and public safety services to occupants located in Retail Business Districts. Several of these business associations may already engage in this activity in a de facto capacity and therefore this bill is essentially codifying existing practice.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0203.

PTG:pmd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard
Mr. Andrew Frank

