



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: July 23, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0414: High-Performance Newly Constructed Dwellings – Property Tax Credit**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0414, for the purpose of establishing a property tax credit for high-performance newly constructed dwellings; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms, providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit for high-performance newly constructed dwellings.

If enacted, this bill would create a property tax credit for Baltimore residents purchasing or occupying high-performance newly constructed dwellings, as defined in Tax-Property Article Section 9-242 of Maryland Code. The credit is 50% in the first taxable year and declines by 10% each subsequent year. The proposed credit reinstates a credit created by the Mayor and City Council that expired at the end of the last fiscal year.

Residents who could not apply for the credit due to the ransomware attack on Baltimore City IT systems would be able to apply after the bill is enacted. This also applies to applicants who would have applied between the credit's expiration and the enactment of this bill.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0414.

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Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*