



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: April 7, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0056 Sanitation – Mixed Refuse Collections

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0056, which was introduced for the purpose of modifying the rules for mixed refuse collections following a holiday and generally relating to the collection of garbage and mixed refuse.

Presently, the Department of Public Works (DPW) collects mixed refuse contents from all residences twice a week. Residents are placed on schedules such as Monday & Thursday or Tuesday & Friday. Approximately eleven holidays a year fall on a collection day and therefore DPW does not empty garbage receptacles on those days. The proposed legislation would require collection of mixed refuse on the very first business day following a holiday in which regularly scheduled collection had been cancelled.

DHCD believes that twice a week collections are necessary in order to maintain consistently clean neighborhoods, streets and alleys. DHCD has no objection to the intent of City Council Bill 08-0056; however, we defer to DPW as to related personnel and equipment issues and to the Finance Department regarding the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

