



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

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Date: February 25, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0330, Yield Excise Tax – Tax Rates**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0330, for the purpose of amending the tax rates used to calculate the Yield Excise Tax imposed on the tax yield from transactions for which recordation taxes and transfer taxes are due under City Code Article 28, Subtitle 16 and Subtitle 17, respectively; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill will correct the tax rates associated with the funding of the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The City will utilize a portion of the tax revenues collected from the recordation and transfer taxes on properties with a sale value exceeding \$1 million to fund the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

HCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0330.

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