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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #12-0092 – Stormwater Utility

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



DATE: June 6, 2012

**TO**  
The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

I am herein reporting on Mayor and City Council Resolution 12-0092 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Department of Public Works.

The purpose of the Resolution is to establish a financially self-sustaining stormwater utility; authorize supplemental legislation to implement the provisions governing water, sanitary wastewater, and stormwater utilities; correct, clarify, and conform related language; provide for a special effective date; and to submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

During the Maryland General Assembly Session of 2012, the State legislators approved House Bill 987, Stormwater Management – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program, and the legislation was signed into law by the Governor on May 2, 2012. The law requires all counties and municipalities that have Phase 1 MS4 permits to have in place by July 1, 2013 all necessary local laws and ordinances for creating and implementing a stormwater fee and fund.

A stormwater utility is the appropriate structure to ensure that the stormwater management function is self-sufficient, with bonding authority to finance needed capital projects and clear accountability for the use of fee revenue.

**Recommendation**

The Department of Finance supports Bill 12-0092.

cc: Harry Black  
Angela Gibson

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