


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President 

DATE: April 11, 2012

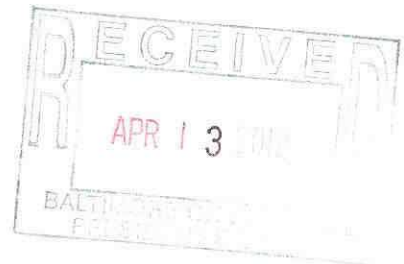
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 12-0028
Commercial Energy Efficiency – Lighting Systems

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on Council Bill 12-0028, *Commercial Energy Efficiency – Lighting Systems*. This ordinance would require that all new commercial construction, or substantial renovations of commercial properties, comply with more stringent energy efficient lighting standards beginning with projects where a permit application is filed on or after January 1, 2013.

Improving energy efficiency in Baltimore is certainly important as the City looks to meet its goals for reducing its carbon footprint. Furthermore, steps taken to enhance energy efficiency can result in long term cost savings for business owners. However, it is important to realize that even though some efficiency measures may be on the market, they may not be cost effective at present. Prior to enactment, it is important to ensure that it is practical for local businesses to comply with this proposed legislation. Presuming that there are a range of products available to meet the requirements of this bill and that there are enough vendors capable of supplying the marketplace at a fair price, the Baltimore Development Corporation supports Bill 12-0028.

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