



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 *MB*

Date: March 8, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0315, Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority Renewal Through April 23, 2013**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0315, for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority; providing for special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority.

The Waterfront Management District and Authority (WMA) was created in June, 2007 and is required to be reviewed and renewed every four years. The WMA is currently administered by the Waterfront Partnership and covers the Waterfront area including the Inner Harbor, Harbor East, Harbor Point and Fells Point.

In regard to assessing the effectiveness of the (WMA) and determining whether it should be renewed, DHCD defers to the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC). In its bill report, BDC noted that the WMA has been very effective in supplementing city services to create a cleaner and safer Waterfront. BDC also noted that the WMA was expanded to Harbor East in 2015 and Fells Point in 2017 at the request of property owners and businesses in those communities.

DHCD defers to the Baltimore Development Corporation and supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0315.

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