



# MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,  
Executive Director, HABCD  
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: March 1, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0171 – Environmental and Civil Citations – Burglar Alarm Registration**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has initially reviewed City Council Bill 12-0171, which was introduced for the purpose of setting the amount of the fine collectable through environmental and civil citations for failure to pay a false alarm fee; clarifying, correcting, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to environmental and civil citations for burglar alarm violations.

This bill, if adopted, would add Environmental Citation Board enforcement authority in situations where a user fails to pay the fee for a false alarm. Concerning situations where a user fails to pay the fee for a false alarm, a citation issued to a residential user would be \$100 while failure to pay a false alarm fee in situations involving a non-residential user would involve a citation being issued of \$500. Additionally, violations of all other provisions of Subtitle 8 of Article 19 of the Baltimore City Code, a citation of \$100 would be issued to a residential user and a \$500 citation issued to a non-residential user.

As a point of clarification, HCD notes that this bill, if adopted, would not charge any fees to a user for the registration of a burglar alarm with the City, as per the changes of the recently enacted Ordinance 12-61.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0171.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

