

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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**DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS**

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DATE: Friday, July 12, 2019

TO: Honorable Madam President and Members of the City Council

FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

POSITION: Support with amendment.

RE: City Council Bill 19-0359

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0359 which is for the purpose of requiring the approval of the Baltimore City Recreation & Parks, Forestry Division, prior to any tree removal on certain properties within a Baltimore City Open-Space Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

While Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) supports the intent of this bill, implementation would require additional financial resources be allocated to the Department's Division of Urban Forestry, and at minimum, adding an additional Urban Forester to the division. BCRP recommends further discussion, including what requirements are necessary for the bill to be successfully implemented.

Without a thorough review and financial commitment, we would be unable to support the bill at this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov, or by phone at 410-844-2593.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reginald Moore".

Reginald Moore

Executive Director

City of Baltimore, Department of Recreation & Parks