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TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400 100 N. Holliday Street May 12, 2008

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 08-0094 for review. This legislation is "for the purpose of prohibiting the issuance of an occupancy permit or a certificate of completion for certain work without evidence of lawful disposal of the debris or other waste produced by that work; requiring that notice of this requirement be stamped on certain buildings permits; conforming certain language; and generally relating to the proper disposal of construction debris and other waste".

This legislation allows the Baltimore City building officials to enforce the lawful disposal of construction debris and other waste produced by the work. The goal of this legislation is to provide the City with another tool to help prevent the unlawful dumping/disposal of construction debris. Although we support the goal of the proposed legislation, we would like to know what the fiscal impact would be to implement and enforce this proposal. Thus, the Department of Planning does not recommend the approval of City Council Bill #08-0094 at this time. Instead, we feel that additional information is needed regarding the cost of implementing and enforcing such a program and also the impact of such a program on the City's permitting process.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director, at 410-396-8337.

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