


## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2019  
TO: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee  
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO   
POSITION: Support  
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 19-0344 - Licensing of Rental Dwellings

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0344 – Licensing of Rental Dwellings, introduced by Councilmembers Henry, Bullock, Burnett, Cohen, and Clarke.

### PURPOSE

This change in ordinance requires the Housing Commissioner to provide certain alternative methods for applying for a new or renewal dwelling license; amend the requirements for a renewal license inspection to accept a dwelling unit in a 1- or 2-family dwelling under certain conditions; and provide for a special effective date.

If an online application process for licensing rental dwellings is adopted, this Bill would require that alternative options be made for individuals who have difficulty in accessing or using the online process. Additionally, in certain cases, a renewal license would not be required for 1- or 2-family unit rental dwellings.

### BRIEF HISTORY

This Bill is related to licensing rental dwellings within Baltimore City.

### FISCAL IMPACT

As a result of this Bill, it is not anticipated that there would be any fiscal impact.

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation supports City Council Bill 19-0344.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at [kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com).

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