




MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: August 4, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 17-0096
Zoning - After-Hours Establishments; Lounges

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on Council Bill 17-0096, Zoning-After-Hours Establishments; Lounges. For the purpose of allowing certain after-hours establishments and certain lounges only in certain commercial and industrial zoning districts; defining certain terms; imposing certain standards; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the zoning and development laws of Baltimore City.

The proposed bill pertains to those businesses with or without a liquor license seeking to operate as an After-Hours Establishment, including Lounges. As a result of an unintentional omission of language from the prior zoning code, these uses are not fully addressed and defined under the new zoning code for Baltimore City, which became effective on June 5, 2017. This legislation is necessary to reestablish oversight for these business types under the new zoning code in a manner similar to that of the prior code for Baltimore City.

BDC supports Bill 17-0096 and respectfully requests that favorable consideration is given by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks