


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #15-0565/ PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – FOOD DESERT INCENTIVE AREAS		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

September 24, 2015

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #15-0565, which is for the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on qualified supermarkets in Food Desert Incentive Areas; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a personal property tax credit for certain supermarkets.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #15-0565, as this tax credit is a key component of the Baltimore Food Policy Initiative's Food Desert Retail Strategy. This targeted credit will attract and retain supermarkets where they are needed most, thereby increasing the availability of healthy affordable food in food deserts.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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