



MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 31, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0154 – Code Enforcement Officers**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0154, which was introduced for the purpose of redefining the persons authorized to issue environmental citations; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions, and generally relating to the designation of environmental control officers.

City Council Bill 12-0154, if adopted, would amend certain provisions of Article 1 and Article 19 of the Baltimore City Code concerning the standard for those City employees who are authorized to issue an environmental citation. This bill would set a uniform employment standard for all Code Enforcement Officers to require that all persons who fill such positions are qualified to be in a "position of trust" as defined by the Administrative Manual AM-237-1 in order to be vested with the authority to issue environmental citations.

Additionally, HCD has reviewed the letter dated October 25, 2012 from the Department of Law concerning its suggested amendment; HCD has no objection to such an amendment being adopted.

The Department of Housing and Community Development strongly supports the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0154.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

