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CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



**TO**

DATE:  
November 25, 2008

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0218 has been introduced for the purpose of reinstating a maximum permit fee for demolition work of \$5,000 per structure. In calendar 2007 Ordinance 07-552 was approved which revised the Building Code of Baltimore City. By doing so the ordinance inadvertently omitted the \$5,000 prior cap on demolition fees. The proposed legislation would remedy this omission.

The rationale for imposing a cap is to keep the costs of demolition competitive for contractors doing business with surrounding jurisdictions therefore removing cost prohibitive expenses that could possibly prohibit development projects from moving forward.

The Department of Finance recommends approval of City Council Bill Number 08-0218.

cc: Thomas P. Driscoll

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