

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0781  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Curran, Conaway, Henry, Welch

Introduced and read first time: September 19, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and  
Community Development, Fire Department

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Building Code – Interior Walls Parallel to Windows**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the construction of interior walls close to and parallel with  
4 windows.

5 BY adding

6 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

7 Section(s) 2-103 (IBC §1212)

8 Baltimore City Revised Code

9 (Edition 2000)

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
11 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

12 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

13 **Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

14 **Part II. International Building Code**

15 **§ 2-103. City modifications.**

16 The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as  
17 follows:

18 **Chapter 12. Interior Environment**

19 **SECTION 1212 INTERIOR WALLS PARALLEL TO WINDOWS.**

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21 **1212.1 MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN WINDOWS AND PARALLEL WALLS.** INTERIOR WALLS  
22 RUNNING PARALLEL TO A WINDOW MUST BE AT LEAST 3 FEET (914 MM) AWAY FROM THE  
23 WINDOW.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
2 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
3 Ordinance.

4       **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance does not apply to work  
5 done under a permit issued on or before the effective date of this Ordinance.

6       **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
7 after the date it is enacted.