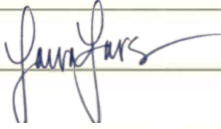



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	SUBJECT	24-0494 Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District – Prohibited Uses		

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**TO**

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

March 20th, 2024

**Position: Does not oppose**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0494, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District – Prohibited Uses, the purpose e purpose of amending certain prohibited uses within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District; defining certain terms; and establishing a special effective date.

**Background**

The Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program was established in 1987. It was repealed and replaced in 2002, with a program of the same name. In 2013, the General Assembly enacted the State Critical Area Commission allowing counties to permit certain non-water dependent structures on State- or privately-owned wetlands. The Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program was last amended by 20-464, passed by the City Council on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This update conformed the Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program with the State Critical Area Commission.

The State Critical Area Commission was updated on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This legislation seeks to bring the City’s program in line with the State program.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Finance estimates that this will have minimal to no fiscal impact.

**Conclusion**

This legislation allows for property owners in the designated areas to provide shade along the waterfront. The Department of Finance expects minimal to no fiscal impact

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 24-0494.**

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