



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABCD  
Commissioner, HCD

# MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: March 22, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0304 - Urban Renewal - Belair -Erdman Business Area - Amendment** \_

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The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0304, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Belair-Erdman Business Area to modify the uses in certain land use categories, change certain regulations, controls, and restrictions on land acquired by the City, modify certain rehabilitation standards and provide for a penalty for violation of any provision of the Plan.

If approved, City Council Bill 09-0304, would prohibit specific categories of business uses from the Belair-Erdman Urban Renewal Plan such as bail bondsmen, check cashing agencies, pawn shops, and liquor stores. The proposed legislation would further reserve street facing ground floor storefronts for primarily retail uses or service establishments that deal directly with walk in customers. Additionally, the City Council bill would establish design standards and regulations for business signage, visible addresses, and security grates.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0304 and defers to the Planning Commission for further comment and amendments.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Andrew Frank, *First Deputy Mayor*

