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	SUBJECT	Report on City Council Bill 20-0495		

DATE: March 2, 2020

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Marguerite Currin, Staff, Health Committee
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 20-0495

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Department of General Services has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0495 – Pesticide Control and Regulation as introduced by Council President Scott and Councilmembers Clarke, Dorsey, Cohen, Middleton, Reisinger, Henry, Burnett, Sneed and Bullock.

The purpose of this ordinance is to further regulate the use of pesticides in Baltimore City by City agencies and to initiate a process whereby if pesticides have been used and/or sold, the public will be notified. The ordinance also prohibits the use of Glyphosate and Chlorpyrifos within the City.

The Department of General Services maintains a contract with an outside vendor to apply pesticides where needed. The contract expressly states that non-pesticide methods should be used as a rule and pesticide chemicals be used only where no other alternative exists. Technicians on this contract are certified based on local, state and Federal regulations. The Department believes that these new prohibitions and notices will not have any adverse effects on Department operations nor have any marked fiscal impact.

After careful review, the Department of General Services recommends a favorable vote in regards to City Council Bill 20-0495.

Chichi Nyagah-Nash
Director