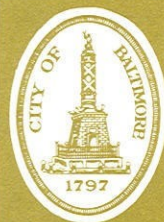


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| <b>FROM</b> | NAME & TITLE          | DOUGLAS B. MCCOACH, III, DIRECTOR <i>DBM</i>                             | CITY of<br>BALTIMORE<br><b>MEMO</b> |  |
|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING<br>417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR |                                     |   |
|             | SUBJECT               | CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0024R/Task Force<br>On Noise Laws and Enforcement  |                                     |   |

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 N. Holliday Street

April 7, 2008

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 08-0024R for review. This resolution is for the purpose of establish the Baltimore City Noise Law Task Force to study the potential for an overhaul of the City's current noise laws and the feasibility of creating a more defined, easily enforced, and encompassing noise law for the City of Baltimore.

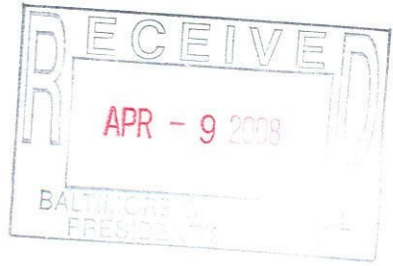
The Department of Planning supports the formation of a citywide task force to study the problems of noise and its detrimental impact on communities, the citizens, and the many visitors to Baltimore. Additionally, the Department supports the goal of the task force to organize the current statutes in a comprehensive manner to cover all incidents of problematic noise. The City's Comprehensive Master Plan, in the Live Section, Objective #3, is to "maintain and create safe, clean, and healthy neighborhoods". Thus, the Department finds that CCB #08-0024R is consistent with the City Comprehensive Master Plan. .

Thus, the Department supports CCB #08-0024R. Also, we suggest that the Baltimore Development Corporation, Downtown Partnership, BACVA, and business organizations that represent taverns, night clubs and restaurants be included on the task force.

If you have questions this regarding matter, please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at 410-396-8337.

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