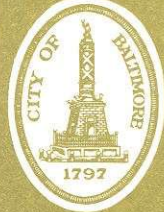


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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 12-0123</b>		

**TO**

DATE:  
October 18, 2012

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 12-0123 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to adopt a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective January 1, 2012), the International Building Code (2012 Edition), the International Electrical Code (2011 Edition), the International Fuel Gas Code (2012 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2009 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2012 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2012 Edition), the International Fire Code (2012 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2012 Edition), and the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (2012 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; provide for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conform, correct, and clarify certain language; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

City Council Bill 12-0123, if approved, would update the City's building, property maintenance, mechanical, plumbing, and related codes. Revisions must be made from time to time to incorporate new standards, maintain current and viable standards for the protection of our citizens. Ordinance 11-419 was the last revision to these codes. The responsibilities and services performed by General Services when it was a bureau of the Department of Public Works were transferred with its creation as a separate agency. As a result, amendments were required to correct certain Code references from the Department of Public Works to the Department of General Services, and these changes were made under Ordinance 11-419.

In reviewing City Council Bill 12-0123, the Department of Public Works is proposing two technical amendments to the legislation. We agree with the Department of Public Works amendment that driveway entrances located on a public right-of-way must follow the rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation and the permit requirements of the Department of General Services (page 82, line 18).

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 12-0123 as proposed to be amended by the Department of Public Works.



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 ACTING DIRECTOR

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