


**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: April 4, 2016

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 16-0639  
Late-Night Commercial Operations – Extended Scope

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 16-0639, an ordinance for the purpose of extending the licensing, regulation, and related requirements governing late-night commercial operations to the B-3 Business Zoning District.

BDC has reviewed the current application of the License in R, O-R, B-1, and B-2 zoning districts, and believes that an extension of the license requirements to the B-3 zoning district will have no negative effect on the small business corridors and adjacent neighborhoods. B-3 districts are primarily located in small business corridors in the City's neighborhoods, and are often adjacent to residential areas. The regulation of late-night establishments will serve an important function in stabilizing these business corridors by providing additional oversight into businesses that may, absent this regulation, be disruptive to the adjacent neighborhoods or have an overall detrimental effect on the commercial district. Because this bill does not prohibit late-night establishments, businesses that operate within the confines of the law, and for which there is community support, will be able to operate as normal.

BDC respectfully requests that Bill No. 16-0639 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert  
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