F	Name & Title	Walter J. Horton, Real Estate Officer
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O M	Subject	City Council Bill 09-0349  Quick-Take Condemnation - Notice of Proposed  Commencement

CITY OF BALTIMORE



**DATE:** June 24, 2009



TO: Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council
400 City Hall

As requested, The Department of Real Estate has reviewed the subject bill created for the purpose of requiring the City to provide certain notice before it institutes a quick-take condemnation proceeding; defining certain terms; and generally relating to pre-condemnation notice.

The Department of Real Estate has determined this bill will add an additional step (at least 10 days) to the existing process by first allowing the Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the Department of Law of the need for the Quick Take proceedings, and then causing the Department of Law to issue a 10 day Notice of Commmencement Letter to a respective member of the City Council, as well as the property owner, prior to that actual filing of the petition. The contents of notice should adhere to Section C of this council bill. The Department of Real Estate believes that, after that Notice of Commencement has been given out no less than ten (10) days prior to such a filing, the Quick Take process will continue to be conducted as it currently is.

AGW

c.c Angela Gibson

