



# MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,  
Executive Director  
Commissioner

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

NER for PTG

Date: November 4, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0593 - Building, Fire, and Related Codes - 2010 Edition**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0593, which was introduced for the purpose of adopting a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective January 1, 2010), the International Building Code (2009 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2008 Edition), the National Fuel Gas Code (2009 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2009 Edition), the National Standard Plumbing Code (2009 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2009 Edition), the International Fire Code (2009 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2009 Edition), and the International Residential Code for One and Two-Family Dwellings (2009 Edition).

The proposed Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City (2010) do not differ in any substantive way with the current provisions of the 2007 code and its adoption simply complies with the cycle mandated by state law. The new code basically restates the provisions of the 2009 Editions of the International Building Code, the International Residential Code for One-and Two-Family Dwellings, and the International Energy Conservation Codes as promulgated by the International Code Council.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0593.

PTG:pmd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemós, *Deputy Mayor*

