

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND
ZONING APPEALS

DAVID C. TANNER, Executive Director
417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

January 2, 2018

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill No. 17-0093: Zoning – Appeals to Zoning Board - Corrective

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 17-0093 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of City Council Bill No. 17-0093 is to delete certain court-imposed statutory provisions since rendered inoperative by Ch. 596, Acts of 2017, which directs persons aggrieved by the land-use decisions of the Planning Commission (among certain other “authorized administrative officer[s] or unit[s]”) to appeal those decisions to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, rather than seeking judicial review; conforming the new Zoning Code to decades of City practice and procedure that recognize the final administrative status of Planning Commission decisions; and providing for a special effective date.

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and recommends the passage of Bill Number 17-0093.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David C. Tanner'.

David C. Tanner
Executive Director

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations
Legislative Reference

