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| SUBJECT | City Council Bill 21-0160 |

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DATE:

December 30, 2021

TO The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400, 100 North Holliday Street

Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of General Services (DGS) is in receipt of and reporting herein on City Council Bill 21-0160: Building Code – Cool Roofs.

Background/Explanation

For the purpose of requiring newly constructed buildings and additions to existing buildings partly financed using City funds to adhere to specified roofing requirements; authorizing certain exceptions; and generally relating to the installation of Cool Roofs.

Comments

The Department of General Services does not expect any significant fiscal impact for the agency, associated with the identified bill.

There are certain conditions in existing buildings that can increase cost or prohibit meeting this standard, including where the ENERGYSTAR ® certified materials have a larger membrane that conflict with access door sills or existing parapet walls.

DGS is currently developing a Building Design Standard that will incorporate roofing materials that reduce the urban heat island effect and reduce cooling demand.

For the reasons identified above, the Department of General Services does not oppose City Council Bill 21-0160.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DGS’ Legislative Liaison Annie Fullas at annie.fullas@baltimorecity.gov or at 667-208-0380.

Sincerely,

Chichi Nyagah-Nash
Director, DGS