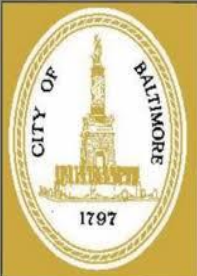


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	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 21-0160		

January 12, 2022

**TO:**

Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0160 introduced by Council Members Conway, Dorsey, Porter, Bullock, Middleton, Burnett, Cohen, Stokes, Ramos, Glover.

The purpose of the Bill is to require newly constructed buildings and additions to existing buildings partly financed using City funds to adhere to specific roofing requirements; authorize certain exceptions; and generally related to the installation of Cool Roofs.

Cool Roofs are roofing treatments that are designed to reflect more sunlight and to absorb less solar energy. They help lower the internal temperature of a building in the summertime, thus reducing the building’s cooling demands and associated costs. They also limit the amount of heat emitted into the environment, which helps mitigate the heat island effect experienced in urban environments. A simple fact sheet on Cool Roofs can be found at this link:

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/cool-roofs> .

The Department of Public Works does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0160. The Department does support the Department of Housing and Community Development’s suggestion to clarify the term “partly financed using City funds”, or to remove it from the legislation. The Department looks forward to the Department of General Services’ production of a Building Design Standard that will help mitigate the heat island effects of our urban environment.

  
 Jason W. Mitchell  
 Director

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