



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Khalil Zaied, Acting Director, Dept of Public Works <i>Khalil Zaied</i>
DATE	July 9, 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0554 (Building, Fire, and Related Codes – Corrective Amendment)

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Support

SUMMARY OF POSITION

Ordinance 24-331 is the most recent ordinance that updated the City of Baltimore’s Building, Fire, and Related Codes. Periodically, the City reviews its building, property maintenance, mechanical, plumbing, and related codes and adopts revisions through an ordinance process. Revisions are necessary to keep these codes current and viable, by incorporating new standards, new materials, or new methods for compliance for the health and safety of our residents and businesses. Such changes may be the result of Baltimore’s own experiences in administering the codes, or the result of changes proposed by national and international building officials and code administrators. The last comprehensive revisions to these codes were adopted through Ordinance 24-331.

City Council Bill 24-0554, if approved, will correct an error made during the adoption of the code revisions in Ordinance 24-331. The City Modifications section of the International Building Code for permit extensions (Section 109.5.3) incorrectly identifies the period to request a permit extension and pay a \$25 fee as within 90 days after the permit expires. The correct period is within 30 days after permit expiration.

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 24-0554.