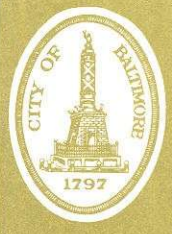


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #12-0152 – TransForm Baltimore – Zoning		

**TO** The Honorable Bernard C. Young, President  
And All Members of the Baltimore City Council  
City Hall, Room 408

DATE: October 26, 2012

The proposed legislation would provide for the purpose of establishing a new Zoning Code for Baltimore City; modify the laws governing the agencies and officials who administer the City's zoning processes, including the Zoning Administrator, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission, the Planning Director, and the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development; providing for the respective powers and duties of these agencies and officials; establishing new zoning districts for the City, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Open Space, Environmental, Special Purpose, and Overlay District; adopting maps and profiles for the various district; establishing the requirements and procedures for obtaining zoning amendments, use permits, and other approvals; establishing use regulations for various districts, including permitted uses, conditional uses, and prohibited uses; establishing bulk and yard regulations for various districts, including height, lot coverage, lot areas, floor area ratio, and yard size standards; establishing design standards for development in various districts; establishing off-street parking requirements, sign regulations, and other regulations for various districts; requiring special reviews for certain proposed developments, including site plan review, environmentally sensitive areas review, design review, and landscape review; providing for the establishment and regulation of planned unit developments; establishing certain transition rules and authorizing the continuation of certain nonconforming uses and structures, subject to certain conditions; providing for conditional uses (special exceptions), variance, and other modifications or approvals; defining certain terms; establishing enforcement procedures, including civil and criminal penalties; conforming cross-references in other articles; correcting; clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to zoning and development laws of the City of Baltimore.

The Fire Department does not object to City Council Bill # 12-0152.

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