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November 9, 2012

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 12-0123 – Building, Fire and Related Codes – 2012

The Comptroller has reviewed Bill No. 12-0123 referred by the City Council.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to adopt a revised Building, Fire and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective January 1, 2012) the International Building Code (2012 Edition), the International Electrical Code (2011 Edition), the International Fuel and Gas Code (2012 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2012 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2012Edition), The International Property Maintenance Code (2012 Edition), the International Fire Code (2012 Edition), the International Residential Code For One-and Two- Family Dwellings (2012 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise, modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

There is a high regard for the safety and protection of our citzens and public. It is imperative that the Buliding, Fire and Related codes are current and up-to-date; and will continue to be a priority of this office. The Comptroller concurs with the technical amendments proposed by the Department of Public Works and the amendments proposed by the Department of Law for form and legal sufficiency.

Subject to the adoption of these amendments, the Comptroller has reviewed City Council Bill No. 12-0123 and does not object to the adoption of this legislation.

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