



MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development*

Date: July 11, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0028 – Commercial Energy Efficiency – Lighting Systems**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0028, which was introduced for the purpose of modifying the authorized methods for complying with automatic-lighting-shutoff requirements; requiring the use of a room key to activate the lighting in sleeping units of hotels, motels, boarding houses, and similar buildings; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and providing for the application of this Ordinance to all new construction or substantial improvements for which a permit application is filed on or after January 1, 2013.

This bill, if adopted, would add to, delete and amend certain City Modifications to certain commercial lighting code standards set forth in the Building, Fire and Related (BFR) Codes of Baltimore City. It is important to note that these alterations are located in an section of the BFR Codes that has been superseded with the enactment of Ordinance 13-93, the "Building, Fire and Related Codes – 2013 Edition", which adopted a new version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and thus does not align with the references in the existing legislation. As such, City Council Bill 12-0028 needs to be amended in order to reflect the intent of this bill in the updated BFR Codes.

Additionally, HCD recommends the date portion of Section 2 at Page 3, Line 27 be amended to strike "January 1, 2013" and replaced with "January 1, 2014".

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0028, provided the bill is amended to align with the current version of the Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City and the recommended amendment to Section 2 be adopted.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief, Economic Development*

