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SUBJECT	City Council Bill #14-0336 Zoning – Conversion of 1- or 2- Family Dwellings





The Honorable Bernard C. Young, President And All Members of the Baltimore City Council City Hall, Room 408 March 26, 2014

For the purpose of specifying that conversion of 1- or 2-family dwellings for use by additional families must conform with the applicable principal-permitted-use bulk regulations for the district in which the building is located; clarifying that this conversion authority does not apply to districts in which only single-famil; dwelling are allowed; and generally relating to the conversion of buildings for use by additional families.

In reference to City Council Bill # 14-0336, the Fire Department does not have any objection to its passing. This bill clarifies a zoning code requirement as it pertains to converting single family dwellings to multiple family dwellings. It allows permitted and conditional "use" considering "bulk" regulations i.e. lot size, lot coverage, building heights, etc. If approved by zoning, all building fire and related codes will be applied to Life Safety.

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