


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: May 11, 2015

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 15-0527
Food Service Facilities – Public Notice of Suspensions, Revocations, and Nonrenewals

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on *City Council Bill 15-0527—Food Service Facilities—Public Notice of Suspension, Revocations, and Non-renewals*. The legislation requires that when a food service facility has its license suspended the facility posts a notice on the premises stating the reason for that suspension. It also requires that the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) post the reason for suspension on two mediums of social media and that BCHD maintain a list of suspended businesses and the reasons for suspension on the BCHD website.

Providing consumers with easily accessible and digestible information about the sanitary condition of the food service facilities they patronize is a wise idea. The legislation will give consumers easy access to information that the BCHD is already collecting: the reason a food facility license has been suspended. The bill protects consumers, encourages sanitary business practices, and supports government transparency.

The BDC recommends favorable consideration of City Council Bill 15-0527.

cc: Colin Tarbert
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