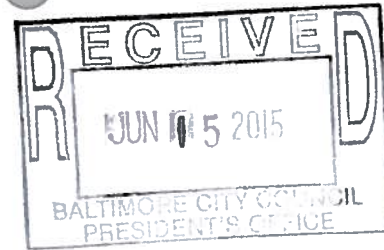




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Commissioner, HCD



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 11, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0529 - Historical and Architectural Preservation
– 50th Anniversary Reauthorization**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0529, for the purpose of reconstituting and reauthorizing the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation; restating and clarifying the Commission's powers, duties, and functions; substituting a new, short-lived "Potential-Landmark List" for the current "Special List"; modifying the processes for designating Historical and Architectural Preservation Districts, Landmarks, and Potential Landmarks; modifying the procedures for protecting the exteriors, interiors, and appurtenant property of structures located within an Historical District or included on the Landmark List or Potential-Landmark List; modifying the provisions that require review of proposed alterations to "municipal structures"; providing for the establishment and maintenance of an Inventory of Historical Places, to serve primarily as a non-regulatory research and documentation instrument; modifying the procedures for reviewing and criteria for approving proposed alterations to protected structures; authorizing the Commission to delegate to its professional staff the review and approval of minor, compliant alterations; defining various terms; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; repealing obsolete provisions; and generally relating to the designation and preservation of historically and architecturally significant property.

If enacted, this bill would update the 1964 CHAP ordinance to make it easier to read and understand, add a Potential Landmark list so historic structures are protected while they are in the process for designation, create an Inventory of Historic places to serve as a research and documentation planning tool, and clarify CHAP's role for reviewing municipal structures.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 15-0529.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*



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