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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0264/ CHARTER AMENDMENT – CHARTER COMMISSION GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

June 14, 2018

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #18-0264, which is for the purpose of increasing the City’s record keeping flexibility; repealing an obsolete provision regarding the City’s official time; improving the City’s legislative and administrative flexibility by removing redundant Charter provisions and language more appropriate for ordinances or regulations; removing Charter provisions found to simply restate applicable State law; requiring the Department of Finance to employ at least 1 Certified Public Accountant to perform certain duties; allowing certain agencies to be designated by law to approve the withdrawal of City monies from depositories; removing certain formal lien requirements from the Charter; clarifying that the review of disciplinary matters by the Board of Fire Commissioners is at the request of the Fire Chief; clarifying the authority of the Mayor to appoint the Board of Recreation and Parks; ...

This bill recommends a number of clean up and modernization items to the City Charter which is long overdue. In general this bill recommends removing redundant content and/or details that are handled elsewhere. In review of § 75 Department of Planning – Subdivisions we did find an additional redundancy that we recommend removing. The Property Location Division, currently of the Department of Transportation, is required to sign subdivision plats along with the Director of Planning on behalf of the Planning Commission. This is clearly outlined in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations outlined in § 75A, therefore § 75B is not needed.

The Department of Planning recommends amendment and approval of City Council Bill #18-0264, with the amendment being delete § 75 (B) on page 13, lines 20-23.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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- Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor’s Office
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**AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 18-0264
(1st Reader Copy)**

By: Department of Planning
{To be offered to the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee}

Amendment No. 1

On page 13, strike lines 20 through 23 in their entirety; and, on the same page, in line 24, strike "(C)" and substitute "(B)".