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	Subject	City Council Bill 18-0304 Property Tax Credit – 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators		

To: The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Room 400, City Hall

DATE: December 17, 2018

Attention: Ms. Natawna B. Austin

As requested, the Department of Real Estate has reviewed City Council Bill #18-0304, which is for the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the principal residences of certain 9-1-1 public safety communicators; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit for qualified 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators.

Adding the Public Safety Telecommunicators, who will acquire and occupy property in the City as their principal residence would be consistent with City Council Bill 17-0120 and 18-0284 which offers property tax credits of up to \$2,500.00 for Public Safety Officers. If enacted, this bill would only apply to the local portion of the taxes due. The tax credit cannot be greater than \$2,500.00 and cannot exceed the total local taxes imposed on the property and would require the Finance Director to prepare an annual written report to the Mayor and City Council detailing the number of 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators who have utilized the tax credit in the preceding year.

The Department of Real Estate has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill #18-0304.

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cc: Kyron Banks
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