

F R O M	NAME & TITLE	Steve Sharkey, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE M E M O	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0505		

TO: Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young
TO: Land Use & Transportation Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: Support
RE: Council Bill – 20-0505

DATE: 4/17/20

INTRODUCTION – Building, Fire, and Related Codes - 2020 Edition

PURPOSE/PLANS – Building, Fire, and Related Codes - 2020 Edition For the purpose of adopting a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective March 25, 2019), the International Building Code (2018 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2017 Edition), the International Fuel Gas Code (2018 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2018 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2018 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2018 Edition), the International Fire Code (2018 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2018 Edition), the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (2018 Edition), the International Green Conservation Code (2012 Edition), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2018 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

COMMENTS – The State of Maryland updated the Maryland Building Performance Standards in 2019, and in doing so incorporated the 2018 International Code Council (ICC) family of Codes with State amendments. Maryland’s local jurisdictions have one year from ratification of the Maryland Building Performance Standard to adopt their own version of Building, Fire, and Related Codes in conformance with State law. Council Bill 20-0505 seeks to accomplish this for the City of Baltimore. The Department of Transportation foresees no significant fiscal or operational impact resulting from the passage of Council Bill 20-0505.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation **supports** City Council bill 20-0505

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director