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Subject: Testimony for CB6-2020 Regarding the Correction of the Year of Reference for the International Residential Code

The Department of Inspections, Licenses, & Permits has proposed legislation to correct an improperly referenced edition of the International Residential Code (IRC).

During the process to update the Howard County Building Code to adopt the most recent editions of the 2018 family of International Code Council (ICC) codes (CB13-2019), there were two sections where the IRC was incorrectly referenced. Council Bill 6-2020 will change the two sections where the 2015 edition of the IRC is referenced to the correct 2018 edition.

In Council Bill 13-2019 there are already several references to the 2018 IRC, including all the local amendments to the IRC in Title 3.102. This legislation will resolve any potential conflicts.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at extension x3946.

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