


**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
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TO: Jackie Brown,  
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RE: CB-49-2019

This bill is purporting to add a definition and criteria for Universal Design Housing. As drafted it raises the following concern.

The entire Section 13-1165 sets forth a broad definition and examples of types of Universal Design but does not provide language requiring the use of such design nor enforcement language for failure to do so. As such, it is more akin to a resolution which sets forth the District Council's desire that such design be utilized where possible. I would, therefore, suggest that the bill be held until further legal provisions are inserted therein.

If the Council decides to go forward with the bill as drafted, I would urge that the language on p. 2, line 11 be revised to either use the word or the numeric description for the bathroom; and the language on line 19 be revised to delete the "s" on "showers". Finally, there doesn't appear to be any further language in Subtitle 13 beyond that provided in the bill, so the asterisks on p. 3, line 9 should be removed.

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