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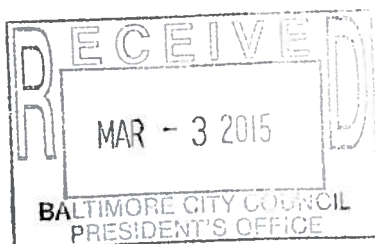
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 14-0459 – City Streets – Closing – Certain Alleys in the
Area Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and
Huntingdon Avenue

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0459 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue. The bill also provides for a special effective date. City Council Bills 14-0460 and 14-0461 are companion bills which authorize, respectively, the opening of these alleys and the sale of the former beds of these alleys.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of General Services to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.



Sincerely,

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