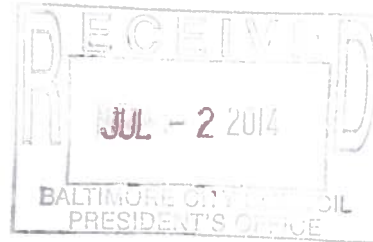




July 2, 2014

Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Natawna Austin
Executive Secretary



Re: City Council Bill 13-0300- Zoning - Conditional Use Second-hand Store -2007-2009 West Pratt Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0300 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill permits the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a second-hand store on the property known as 2007-2009 West Pratt Street.

The subject property is zoned B-3-2 (Community Business District). The conditional uses that require the enactment of an ordinance in a B-3 zone include those required in a B-2 district, which include second-hand stores. City Zoning Code ("ZC") §§ 6-309(12a) and 6-409(1). This ordinance is therefore necessary to establish a secondhand store at this location.

Pursuant to the City Zoning Code, a bill concerning a conditional use is classified as a "legislative authorization." ZC § 16-101. Legislative authorizations require that certain procedures be followed in the bill's passage. Specifically, certain notice requirements apply to the introduction of the bill. *See* ZC § 16-203. The bill must be referred to certain City agencies, which are obligated to review the bill in a specified manner. *See* ZC §§ 16-301, 16-302 & 16-304. Additional public notice and hearing requirements also apply to the bill. *See* ZC § 16-402. Finally, certain limitations on the City Council's ability to amend the bill apply. *See* ZC § 16-403.

Assuming all the procedural requirements are met, the Law Department will approve City Council Bill 13-0300 for form and legal sufficiency.

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Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro

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