



January 10, 2011

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

Re: City Council Bill 10-0593 – Building, Fire and Related Codes – 2010
Edition

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0593 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill repeals the current Building, Fire and Related Codes article of the Baltimore City Code and enacts a replacement article that is updated to reflect the changes in the state, federal and international codes of which it is comprised. The bill is a proper exercise of the power of the Mayor and City Council “to regulate the location, construction, use, operation, maintenance and removal of buildings and structures, or any part thereof, of every kind” as provided by Section 1 of Article II of the City Charter. *See also* City Charter, Art. II, §47 (general welfare power); Art. III, §11 (“The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have power to pass all ordinances, not inconsistent with the Charter, necessary to give effect and operation to all powers vested in the City.”). Additionally, the bill is in accordance with state law concerning certain safety standards. *See* Md. Code, Pub. Safety, Title 12. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

Hilary Ruley
Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Special Assistant Solicitor
Victor Tervalá, Assistant Solicitor

