

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 26, 2019

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

Re: City Council Bill 19-0318 – City Streets – Closing – West Fairmount Avenue, a 10-foot alley, a portion of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and a portion of a 3-foot alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0318 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close West Fairmount Avenue, a 10-foot alley, a portion of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and West Baltimore Street, as shown on Plat 329-A-25A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date. The bill expressly reserves the rights the Mayor and City Council have in the structures located under the street bed.

Section (34) 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 Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets.

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashlea H. Brown".

Ashlea H. Brown
Assistant Solicitor

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