

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 13-0235 – Sale of Property – ES Kane Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0235 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell property owned by it consisting of ES Kane Street, 600 feet south of Eastern Avenue, 150 feet rear of 6571 Eastern Avenue (Block 6703, Lot 005D), which is no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter provides that the Department of Real Estate shall (unless and to the extent otherwise provided by the Board of Estimates) arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land (or any other real property) no longer needed by the City for public use. Any such disposition shall be authorized by ordinance, shall be approved by the Board of Estimates with the approval entered in its minutes, and shall be made at public sale unless a private sale or other manner of disposition shall be expressly authorized by the Board of Estimates and entered in its minutes.

Assuming that the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Provided that the sale is approved by the Board of Estimates, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 13-0235 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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