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September 29, 2022

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 22-0278 – Vacant Structures – Required Safeguarding

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0278 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the City's Building Code to require additional actions for vacant structures in residential areas. The Building Official would enforce the requirements. As there are no legal impediments to the additional requirements, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor  
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