

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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July 7, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0075 –Zoning – Legislative Authorizations –
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Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0075 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill deletes a City Council-hearing deadline for zoning bill. It provides for an immediate effective date, retroactive to June 5, 2017.

City Code Article 32, §5-507 requires the City Council to conduct a public hearing on zoning bills within 90 days of introduction. This bill eliminates the 90-day requirement and allows the City Council to conduct a public hearing whenever all the information about a proposed land use is available and whenever it serves the interests of the City Council.

The Law Department is prepared to approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor

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