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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0459</b>		

**TO**

DATE: December 16, 2014

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin  
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0459 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Fox Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, as shown on Plat 309-A-27A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

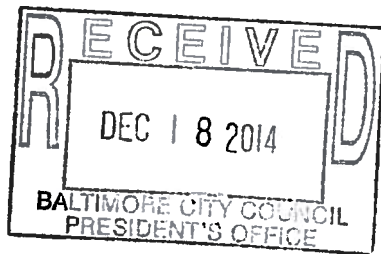
The alleys proposed to be closed to public use are in the Remington neighborhood of Baltimore City and are described as follows:

- An approximately 4 foot wide by 70 foot long alley located perpendicular to and between Fox Street and a variable width alley. The alley is between the properties known as 317 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 2824 Fox Street.
- An approximately 3 foot wide by 41.75 foot long alley located perpendicular to West 29<sup>th</sup> Streets and terminating at the property known as 2845 Huntingdon Avenue.

Companion legislation would open the alleys to public use and authorize their sale (City Council Bills 14-0460 and 14-0461 respectively).

The adjacent property owner, HKMJB Investments LLC, operates a liquor store business at 329 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The 3-foot alley separates this business from the parking area and the 4-foot alley bisects the parking area (properties known as 317 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 2824 Fox Street). The owner of the one property abutting the alleys that is not owned by HKMJB Investments LLC, 2845 Huntingdon Avenue, does not use the alleys and has consented to their closure. Approving closure and sale of these alleys would allow for their consolidation with the adjacent properties. Any utilities present in the alley beds that are not abandoned or relocated would be protected under Sections 3, 4 and 6 of the legislation.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0459.



Respectfully,

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