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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 25-0095 – Commercial Motor Vehicle Repair on City Streets – Prohibition

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0095 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would add a definition of “motor vehicle repair service” to the Transportation Article of the City Code. It prohibits repairing, replacing or adjusting a motor vehicle on any public street or footway.

The City has been given express legislative authority to regulate streets and “prohibit the use of such streets and public ways by any or all motor vehicles under such circumstances or upon such conditions as it may, from time to time, by ordinance, deem necessary or expedient in the interest of the public.” City Charter, Art. II, § (34)(d).

The term “public street” is not found within the definitions in Transportation Article. Although prohibiting vehicle repair on a public street is not illegal, it may be more effective to have the prohibition align with the definitions already present in Subtitle 1 of Article 31 of the City Code. However, since this change is not legally necessary, the Law Department can approve the bill as written for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Ruley".

Hilary Ruley
Chief Solicitor

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