

February 17, 2021

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 21-0007R – Investigative Hearing – Water Billing System

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0007R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Finance Department and Department of Public Works to appear before the City Council to discuss the recent report from the Inspector General of Baltimore City, issued jointly with the Inspector General of Baltimore County, which concerns the water billing system.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to conduct an investigative hearing. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution 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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