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April 15, 2009

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

Re: City Council Bill 09-0286 – Metropolitan District of Baltimore County –
Extension 158

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0286 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides that the Mayor and City Council consent to and approve the petition to extend the Metropolitan District of Baltimore County to a tract of land consisting of approximately 1.266 acres. The bill provides that the ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

The Metropolitan District of Baltimore County was established by the Metropolitan District Act, Chapter 539 of the Acts of 1924 as amended by Chapter 1017 of the Acts of 1945 and Chapter 515 of the Acts of 1955. Under the Act, the City is “required to supply water to consumers in the metropolitan district of Baltimore County at cost and entirely without profit or loss”. *Baltimore County v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, 329 Md. 692 (1993) (internal quotations omitted). *See also* Public Local Law §§ 25-22 through 25-30.

Subject to confirmation by the Baltimore City Department of Public Works that the applicable requirements have been met to extend the Metropolitan District of Baltimore County (Baltimore County petition and Baltimore County Council approval), the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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F/comment

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