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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 16-0686 – Metered Parking – Multi-Space Methods

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0686 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill authorizes certain alternative methods for the operation of multi-space metered parking. It also corrects, clarifies and conforms related language and repeals obsolete provisions.

State law provides that a political subdivision may adopt ordinances or regulations that regulate the parking of vehicles. Md. Code Ann., Transp. § 26-301 (b)(1). *See also* § 25-102(a)(1) (local authority, in reasonable exercise of its police power, may regulate the parking of vehicles). The Baltimore City Charter provides for the exercise of this power in Article II, Section 34 (d), which states that the Mayor and City Council has the authority by ordinance, or such other method provided for in its Charter, to regulate the use of streets and public ways and to adopt reasonable charges for parking. For these reasons, the Law Department approves Council Bill 16-0686 for form and legal sufficiency.

The Law Department notes, however, that on page 3, lines 6-7, the entire section (2) is bracketed, indicating that it is being deleted, yet there are changes to the text being proposed. This should be corrected to reflect the intent.

Sincerely,

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