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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 20-575 – City Streets – Closing – A 13-foot Alley and a
20-Foot Alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0575 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to close a 13-foot alley extending from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20 foot alley; and a 20 foot alley, extending from North Washington Street Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street.

Section (34) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to "construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City." Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires that the Department of Transportation prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. Thus, this is the appropriate bill to effectuate the closing.

The Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashlea Brown".

Ashlea Brown
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Dana Moore, Acting City Solicitor
Matt Stegman, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
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