

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



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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 17-0135 – City Streets – Closing – North Castle Street  
and 8 Alleys of Varying Widths Lying Between East Eager Street, North  
Chester Street, Ashland Street, and North Washington Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0135 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close North Castle Street and 8 alleys of varying widths lying between East Eager Street, North Chester Street, Ashland Avenue, and North Washington Street, as shown on Plat 304-A-7A in the Office of the Department of Transportation. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Section (34)(a) 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 the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

  
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