



April 28, 2014

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 14-0370 – Animal Control – Impounding Public
Nuisance Animals

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0370 form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the text of the Health Code to allow for the impoundment of animals reasonably believed to be a public nuisance. Currently, the code does not contain the words “reasonably believed.” Although this will expand the scope of the animals that may be impounded, there is no legal prohibition to this change. Therefore, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
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