

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 14-0461 – City Streets – Sale of Property – Former Beds
of a 3-Foot Alley and a 4-Foot Alley Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox
Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0461 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell property owned by it, namely, formers beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, declaring them no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date. City Council Bills 14-0459 and 14-0460 are companion bills which authorize, respectively, the closing and opening of these alleys.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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