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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0414 - High Performance Newly Constructed

Dwellings - Property Tax Credit

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0414 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would create a new tax credit for certain newly constructed dwellings. It would be available to owners of a high-performance newly constructed dwellings, as those terms are defined in state tax law, so long as it is a principle residence and a person files for the credit within 90 days of purchase or enactment of the ordinance if purchase occurred after March 31, 2019. The owner must also not be receiving the Newly Constructed Dwelling Tax Credit. The credit begins with the first full taxable year after the property qualifies for the credit and lasts for five full taxable years in diminished amounts each year.

The City Council has the authority to enact this credit pursuant to Section 9-242 of the Tax Property Article of the Maryland Code. The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

Chief Solicitor

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