

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 08-0250 – Street Regulations – Obstructions

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0250 for form and legal sufficiency. This bill would remove the superfluous prohibition on placing boxes in the street, which is already covered by the prohibition on obstructing rights of way. The bill would clarify the prohibitions against obstructing rights of way so that they include sidewalks and footways in addition to streets, lanes, alleys and gutters. The Bill would exempt any obstruction that takes place during the delivery of items provided that the aforementioned rights of way are not more than fifty percent blocked.

This bill is consistent with sections 27 and 35(d) of Article II of the City Charter which grants the City general police powers and power to regulate obstructions in certain rights of way. Therefore, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 08-0250 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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