

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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June 3, 2013

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 13-0217 – Sale of Property – Former Bed of Howil  
Terrace

Dear President and City Council Members:

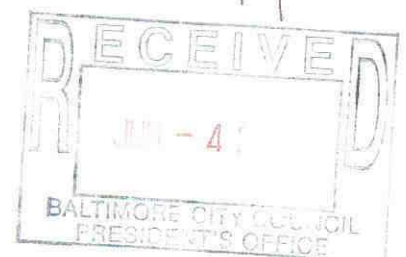
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0217 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell property owned by it consisting of the former bed of Howil Terrace, as described in the bill, which is no longer needed for public use. By separate ordinance, City Council Bill 13-0216, the bed of Howil Terrace will be condemned and closed. After that ordinance is approved the property will be available for sale pursuant to City Council Bill 13-0217.

Article V, §5(B) of the Baltimore City Charter provides that the Department of Real Estate shall (unless and to the extent otherwise provided by the Board of Estimates) arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land (or any other real property) no longer needed by the City for public use. Any such disposition shall be authorized by ordinance, shall be approved by the Board of Estimates with the approval entered in its minutes, and shall be made at public sale unless a private sale or other manner of disposition shall be expressly authorized by the Board of Estimates and entered in its minutes.

Provided that the street closing ordinance is passed prior to approval of City Council Bill 13-0217 and provided the sale is approved by the Board of Estimates, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 13-0217 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Solicitor



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