

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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May 18, 2017

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 17-0040 – City Streets – Closing – Beds of 2 10-Foot  
Alleys Bounded by West 27th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and  
Remington Avenue

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0040 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close the beds of 10-foot alleys bounded by West 27th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Remington Avenue, as shown on Plat 70-A-3021A in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor K. Tervalo".

Victor K. Tervalo  
Chief Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Acting City Solicitor  
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
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