

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 08-0203 – Retail Business Districts – Sanitation and
Public Safety

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0203. City Council Bill 203 expands the responsibilities of a retail business district management program to include providing sanitation and public safety services. The annual budget shall set forth the projected expenditures for the advertising, promotions, sanitation, public safety and related activities and administrative expenses.

The expanded responsibility provided for in City Council Bill 08-0203 is consistent with the authority of the City Council provided however, that a retail business district that undertakes to provide public safety services does not assume the power of the Baltimore City Police Department and has no authority to issue citations or make arrest or otherwise enforce the laws of Baltimore City unless specifically granted such power by the Police Commissioner.

City Council Bill 08-0203 is consistent with the authority of the City Council to provide for Retail Business Districts. The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0203 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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