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BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS

September 24, 2021

Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable President
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0124 (“Corrective Bill 2021 – Definitions; Rules of Interpretation; Time Computations”)

Dear President and City Council Members:

You have referred City Council Bill 21-0124 (“Bill”) to the Ethics Board (“Board”) for comment. The Bill’s stated purpose is for repealing the many definitions and rules of statutory interpretation and time computation that have been superseded by the enactment of Code-wide, standardized definitions and rules; clarifying certain purposeful variations; and providing for a special effective date.

The Board **does not oppose** any of the Bill’s changes to Article 8 of the City Code.

Specifically, the Bill removes certain definitions in Part I of Subtitle 2 of Article 8 and instead refers to the Code-wide standard definitions in the General Provisions Article. The meanings do not change. The Bill likewise removes certain rules of construction and time computations in Part II of Subtitle 2 of Article 8 and refers to the applicable Code-wide rules of interpretation and time computations in the General Provisions Article. Again, the rules of interpretation and time computations do not change.

Accordingly, the Board **does not oppose** any of the changes to Article 8 in the Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Hochstetler", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeffrey Hochstetler
Director, Ethics Board

Cc: Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Affairs