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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0046 – City Property – Renaming Eastwood Field to  
Mayes Meadow

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0046 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would rename the Eastwood Field in Herring Run Park to Mayes Meadow.

The Baltimore City Code allows for the naming of property by ordinance. City Code, Art. 5, § 20-2. There are no requirements for the name of real or personal property as there are for names of streets. Baltimore City Code, Art. 26, §7-1, *et. seq.* The bill that proposes the ordinance must be referred to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate and any other agency that has an interest in the property.

The First Reader version of this bill states that it was referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, and the Departments of Transportation, the Department of Real Estate, the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Department of Finance and the Department of Recreation and Parks. It is the Law Department's understanding that the Department of Recreation and Parks has control over the property. Thus, the bill has been properly referred.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has certain powers with respect to property under its control, but none of those Charter enumerated powers change the property naming process articulated in Section 20-2 of Article 5 of the City Code. City Charter, Art. VII, § 67. For these reasons, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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