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April 10, 2025

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 25-0043 – Employees’ Retirement System – Class C – Filing Period – Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0043 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would increase the amount of time – from 30 to 60 days – between filing for and receiving retirement benefits for those in Class C of the City’s retirement program.

The City has the power to create pension and retirement benefits for the officers and employees of the City and related entities and to “fix the terms of and restrictions on admission to such system and the classifications therein.” City Charter, Art. II, § (24). As this bill is in accordance with that power, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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