

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 17-0030 – Tax Credits – Citywide High-Performance
Market-Rate Rental Housing – Extension of Eligibility

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0030 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend Sections 10-18 of Article 28 of the City Code concerning the Citywide High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing tax credit. The amendments change the sunset of the tax; extending the application deadline to December 31, 2022, and requiring any occupancy permit for a building receiving the credit to be obtained before June 30, 2024.

The changes are consistent with the state law authorizing these credits. Md. Code, Tax Prop., §9-242. Therefore, the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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