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	SUBJECT	City Council Ordinance 19-0354		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

April 30, 2019

I am herein reporting on City Council Ordinance 19-0354 Underground Conduit System for Cables, Wires, and Similar Facilities for purpose of clarifying the location and administration of an underground conduit system for cables, wires, and similar facilities; requiring the Department of Transportation to administer and maintain the system and to prepare the plans and specifications for its construction, maintenance, and repair; limiting use of the conduit system to persons who have obtained certain permits and other legal authorizations and have paid certain annual charges; requiring the removal of unauthorized installations; providing for the voluntary and mandatory relocation of certain facilities; prohibiting tampering with, opening, or interfering with manholes or facilities in the conduit system; providing for records of and annual reporting by conduit users; authorizing the issuance, service, and enforcement of stop-work orders; imposing civil and criminal penalties for offenses; providing for a special effective date; and generally updating the laws governing the construction, use, maintenance, and repair of an underground conduit system for electrical, communication, and service cables, wires, and similar facilities.

The Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology (BCIT) works with the Department of Transportation during installation of fiber for CCTV cameras and other projects to determine availability of duct banks within the conduit system. Vendors installing fiber on behalf of BCIT within the City's conduit system are contractually required to follow all City codes and regulations.

BCIT concurs with the recommended modernizations of Subtitle 24 and recommends approval of Ordinance 19-0354.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Jeff Amoros, Mayor's Office