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October 26, 2012

The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill No. 12-0090– City Property- Grant of Easements

Dear President and City Council Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 12-0090. City Council Bill 12-0090 authorizes the granting of three easements for the benefit of the Mount Vernon Mill project. The easements are located across the Jones Falls in the area between the properties known as 3000 and 3030 Falls Road (Block 6 3500, Lots 1 and 3) for the purpose of (1) installing and maintaining a pedestrian footbridge over the property (Jones Falls) that is required by the City of Baltimore as a second means of egress from the building at 3030 Falls Road, (2) permitting the continuation of an existing footbridge and the maintenance of it over the property (Jones Falls) that was originally constructed in 1918, and (3) allowing certain existing piers located in the property (Jones Falls) that support the structure at 3000 Falls Road and allowing the portion of the structure that extends into the property (Jones Falls).

Article 5, § 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants authority to the Department of Real Estate to arrange for the disposition of any real property not needed by the City for public use. The disposition must be authorized by ordinance. Bill 12-0090 is introduced for this purpose. The Law Department, therefore, approves City Council Bill 12-0090 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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