CITY OF BALTIMORE

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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Baltimore City Council Bill 08-0140 (Solid Waste, Garbage, and Mixed

Refuse – Hours of Collection}

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0140 {Solid Waste, Garbage, and Mixed Refuse – Hours of Collection} for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides hours during which solid waste, garbage, and mixed refuse collection activities may take place in the City.

Article II, section 47 of the Baltimore City Charter gives the Mayor and City Council the authority to pass any ordinance that it deems proper in maintaining the peace, good government, health and welfare of Baltimore City. Article III, section 11 gives the Mayor and City Council the power to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to the powers vested in the City. Regulating the hours of collection of solid waste, garbage, and mixed refuse in the City would fall under these provisions. City Council Bill 08-0140 is consistent with these general welfare and legislative powers provisions of the City Charter.

Therefore, the Law Department approves Council Bill 08-0140 for form and legal sufficiency.

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