

CITY OF BALTIMORE

SHEILA DIXON, Mayor



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May 13, 2008

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 08-0051 – Sanitary Maintenance- Penalties

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0051. City Council Bill 51 will increase the prepayable citation penalties for certain sanitary maintenance offenses.

Article II, Section 48 of the Charter gives the Mayor and City Council the authority to provide for civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule or regulation provided that not fine or penalty shall exceed \$1,000. The fines provided for in City Council Bill 08-0051 do not exceed \$1,000. The Bill is therefore consistent with the authority of the City Council.

The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0051 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: Honorable James B. Kraft
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