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

Re: City Council Bill 14-0375 – Revenue Obligations – Water Projects –  
Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0375 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would increase the maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations that the City may issue to finance water facilities. This maximum amount has been increased several times in the past. The Law Department understands that the increase reflected in this bill is required to fund federally mandated work.

This bill is authorized by Section (50) of Article II of the Baltimore City Charter, which enables the City “[t]o borrow money to finance undertakings for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, objects and powers of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and in connection therewith to issue bonds, notes, or other obligations...” The “bonds, notes, or other obligations” must be issued “pursuant to an ordinance.” Charter, Art. II, § (50)(b).

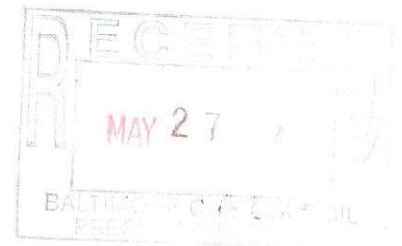
The Law Department notes that Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland was repealed by Chapter 119 of the 2013 Acts of the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2013. It was replaced by Title 19 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Code. Thus, this bill should be amended to strike lines 15 and 16 on page 1 that cite to the repealed law and replace those lines with a reference to Title 19 of the Local Government Article.

Subject to the foregoing amendment, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 14-0375 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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