

November 19, 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 08-0050 – Animal Control - Penalties

Dear President and Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0050. City Council Bill 50 increases the environmental citation penalties for various animal control violations. Article II, Section 48 gives the Mayor and City Council the authority to provide for fines and penalties for violations of ordinances in amounts up to \$1,000. The penalties provided for in the bill are consistent with this authority.

City Council Bill 08-0050 is consistent with the authority of the City Council to provide for civil and criminal penalties. The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0050 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Honorable James B. Kraft  
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