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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 09-0316 – Zoning – Parking Lot District – Conditional
Use – Parking Lots – Block 3635, Lots 17 and 17A

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

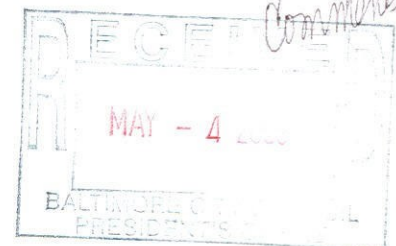
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0316 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow, subject to certain conditions, two open, off-street parking lots on the properties known as Block 3635, Lots 17 and 17A (WS Maryland Avenue SWC 26th Street and ES North Howard Street SEC 26th Street).

Section 10-504(a) of the Zoning Code requires an ordinance in order to permit any land to be used as a parking lot in a Parking Lot District. Pursuant to section 10-504(b), the Mayor and City Council may consider and evaluate: (1) the need for the parking lot; (2) the proposed appearance of the parking lot; and (3) possible aesthetic damage to the area surrounding the parking lot, with particular respect to the proposed removal of historic or aesthetically valuable properties.

Provided that such concerns are addressed as required, and since the bill is otherwise in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Code, the Law Department would approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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