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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0214 – Underground Snow Melt System		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0214, Underground Snow Melt System, the purpose of which is to grant a franchise to Johns Hopkins Hospital to construct, use, and maintain an underground snow melt system in the sidewalk of the 1700 block of East Monument Street for a period not more than 25 years.

Background

The proposed legislation seeks to grant a franchise to Johns Hopkins Hospital to construct, use, and maintain an underground snow melt system in the sidewalk of the 1700 block of East Monument Street for not more than 25 years. All costs and expenses for the Snow Melt system will be covered by Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The legislation contains a franchise fee, which is set by the Board of Estimates (BOE). The Department of Transportation calculates the fee based on their Minor Privilege Schedule, which the BOE takes into consideration when establishing the fee. The fee for this agreement will be determined by the BOE and added to the bill at the second reading of the bill.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance expects minimal to no fiscal impact for the City from this legislation.

Conclusion

The legislation grants a franchise to Johns Hopkins Hospital to construct, use, and maintain an underground snow melt system in the sidewalk of the 1700 block of East Monument Street. Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 22-0214.

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