

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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October 21, 2011

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 08-0041 - Zoning – Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Sign

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0041. City Council Bill 41 amends the Zoning Code, Section 11-207 to allow billboards and freestanding signs advertising alcoholic beverages for which Zoning Board approval or a minor privilege permit is required and has been obtained. Signs other than billboard and freestanding signs that advertise alcoholic beverages for which Zoning Board approval or a minor privilege permit is required and obtained are allowed under the current Code language in Sec. 11-207.

The Mayor and City Council through the zoning powers granted in Art. 66B, Sec. 2.01(b)(6) is authorized to regulate signs. City Council Bill 08-0041 is an appropriate exercise of the zoning authority. The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0041 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

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