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CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0334

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



DATE: June 4, 2009

TO

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0334 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to repeal Ordinance 05-31, approved May 16, 2005, which granted permission to Printers' Square Apartments Limited Partnership, to use and maintain a private enclosed bridgeway above and across the Hunter Street right-of-way.

Printer's Square Apartments, LLC owns the buildings known as 1310 Guilford Avenue and 1300/1314 Hunter Street. These buildings have been renovated as rental apartment buildings. Two elevated and enclosed multi-story bridgeways, built over Hunter Street, connect these buildings and are authorized to be used and maintained by Printer's Square Apartments, LLC (Ordinances 05-31 and 05-32). Printer's Square Apartments, LLC has requested to open and close an approximately 20 foot wide by 94.1 foot long portion of the 1300 block of Hunter Street, located perpendicular to and between a 10-foot alley and a 7-foot alley (City Council Bills 09-0298 and 09-0299). If approved for closure, Printer's Square would like to purchase the former street bed to create a secure, private courtyard between the two apartment buildings (City Council Bill 09-0300). This portion of right-of-way primarily provides access to the apartment buildings' residents and to the buildings' dumpsters. Purchase of the street bed would also allow Printer's Square to consolidate their lots bordering this portion of Hunter Street.

Should the opening, closing, and sales ordinances be approved, the two franchise ordinances which grant authority to Printer's Square to maintain and use the connecting elevated bridgeways are no longer required. City Council Bill 09-0334, if approved, would repeal franchise Ordinance 05-31, the legal authority for Printers' Square to maintain and use a three story bridgeway connecting the rear of the property known as 1310 Guilford Avenue to the front of the property known as 1300/1314 Hunter Street. Repeal of the franchise Ordinance becomes effective at the time of the adoption of Hunter Street closure and the companion sales ordinance (Section 2 of this legislation).

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Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council  
Bill 09-0334.



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