

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0137 – City Streets –Closing– Proctor Street, a Portion of
Proctor Alley, and a 10-Foot Alley Lying Between East Biddle Street,
Homewood Avenue, East Chase Street, and Greenmount Avenue

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0038 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close Proctor Street, a portion of Proctor Alley, and a 10-foot alley lying between East Biddle Street, Homewood Avenue, East Chase Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 284-A-14A.

Art. II, Sections 2 and (34)(a) of the City Charter grant the Mayor and City Council the power to condemn and “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Division Chief

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