

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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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 16-0741 – City Streets – Opening – A portion of Creek Alley

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0741 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and open a portion of Creek Alley, extending from W. West Street southeasterly 56 feet to the southernmost extremity thereof, as shown on Plat 257-A-40 in the Office of the Department of Transportation. The bill also provides for an immediate effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “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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Chief Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Acting City Solicitor  
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