

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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

Re: City Council Bill 08-0186 {Scrap – Collectors, Scavengers, Processors,
and Others – Penalties}

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0186 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would increase the penalties for violations by scrap collectors, scavengers, scrap metal processors, and others who violate certain provisions of the Baltimore City Code and applicable rules or regulations from \$500 to \$1,000 for each offense. The bill also deletes “willfully or knowingly” language from the provision.

Article II, Section 48 of the Baltimore City Charter gives the Mayor and City Council the authority to provide for civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule or regulation, provided that no fine exceeds \$1,000. The fines provided for in the bill do not exceed \$1,000 and are therefore consistent with the Charter.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 08-0186 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Deepa Bhattacharyya
Assistant Solicitor



cc: The Honorable Belinda Conaway
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