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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0067</b>		

DATE: March 26, 2008

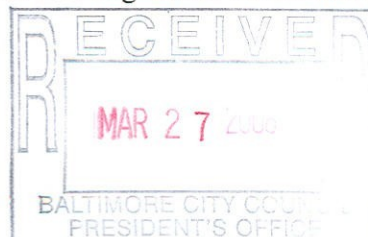
**TO**  
 The Honorable President and Members  
 of the Baltimore City Council  
 Room 400 - City Hall  
 c/o Karen Randle

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0067 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to grant a franchise to The Johns Hopkins Hospital to construct, use, and maintain a private steam line under the Central Avenue and North Caroline Street rights-of-way, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital wishes to constructing a steam line and appurtenant vaults within the area of the 500 block of Central Avenue and extending to the 500 block of North Caroline Street, and into the Hospital main complex. Portions of the steam line would be located in the Central Avenue and North Caroline Street rights-of-way, requiring this franchise ordinance (City Council Bill 08-0067). Portions of the steam line would also cross two properties owned by the City of Baltimore: 1400 Orleans Street and 540 North Caroline Street. City Council Bill 08-0066, if approved, would grant perpetual easements to The Johns Hopkins Hospital for the steam line alignment across the City-owned properties. Both of the affected City properties are active Baltimore City Public School System facilities (Dunbar School complex). The proposed alignments through these properties would be confined to areas away from the school buildings, minimizing the impact on the properties. The Baltimore City Public School System reviewed the proposed alignments and approved the locations.

The 12-inch steel steam line will be located seven feet below the surface of the public rights-of-way. The steam line would emerge at the eastern side of the Central Avenue right-of-way, approximately 334.11 feet from Central Avenue's intersection with Orleans Street. The steam line would run parallel to the eastern side of Central Avenue right-of-way for a distance of approximately 20 feet, then extend westerly at a right angle for a distance of approximately 17.54 feet, encompassing an area of approximately 375 square feet. The steam line would also emerge from the western side of the right-of-way of North Caroline Street, just south of the Dunbar Middle School property, for a distance of approximately 47.75 feet, then extend in a northerly direction and parallel to the western side of the North Caroline Street right-of-way for a distance of approximately 197.73 feet, then extend at a right angle in an easterly direction and perpendicular to and ending at the eastern side of the North Carline Street right-of-way, a distance of approximately 50.33 feet. The area of this alignment would include approximately 4,955 square feet.



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An error made in the preparation of the Bill needs to be corrected in Section 1, as noted below.

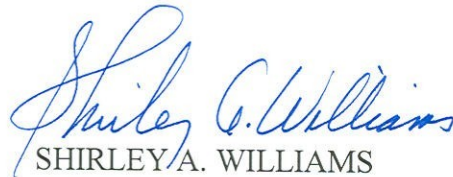
**Amendment**

In line 28 of page 1, replace the phrase "10 foot wide easement" with "franchise area", so that it reads:

"Section 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That a franchise or right is granted to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, its tenants, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "grantee") to construct, use, and maintain, at Grantee's own cost and expense, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance, a private steam line and appurtenant vaults within a franchise area that will provide heating services to its main hospital..."

As Acting Director of the Department of Public Works, it is my responsibility to recommend a franchise fee to the Board of Estimates for consideration. In accordance with the Minor Privilege Schedule of Charges and Regulations for this type of encroachment into the public way, I will recommend to the Board of Estimates an annual franchise fee of \$1,032.50.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0067 as proposed to be amended.

  
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