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March 13, 2026

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

Re: City Council Bill 26-0145 – Commercial Vehicle Parking

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 26-0145 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the definition of “commercial vehicle”, prohibits vehicles from standing, stopping, or parking on City streets under certain circumstances, defines certain terms, and generally relates to commercial vehicles in the City. This bill would take effect 30 days after its enactment.

The City generally has the power to regulate traffic. City Charter, Art. II, §§ (27), (34)(d). The “provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising” certain “powers as to highways under its jurisdiction,” including, “regulating or prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles.” Md. Code, Transp., § 25-102. No conflicting definition of commercial vehicle or trailer exists in the State Transportation Article which is generally applicable to the City. *See* Md. Transp., §11-101, *et seq.* Therefore, Baltimore City may define “commercial vehicle” and “trailer” for the purpose of regulating parking.

There are no legal issues with City Council Bill 26-0145; therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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