

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 13-0178 – City Streets – Closing – Certain Streets and  
Alleys or Portions of Them Bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue,  
Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation Inc. Railroad Right of Way

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0178 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close certain streets, alleys and portions of streets and alleys that it no longer needs.

Section (34) 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 166(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of General Services to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets.

As this bill meets with the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
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