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January 5, 2022

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 21-0065R – Investigative Hearing - Vacant Residential  
Properties - Requirement for Homeowners Insurance

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0065R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the City Administrator, the City Solicitor, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, the Baltimore City Comptroller, and the President and CEO of the Baltimore Development Corporation to testify regarding requiring owners of vacant residential properties to obtain homeowners insurance.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to conduct an informational hearing. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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