

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

January 26, 2017

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 17-0009 – Supplementary Federal Fund Operating
Appropriation –Department of Public Works– \$3,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0009 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$3,000,000 to the Baltimore City Department of Public Works. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(2) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when it is made necessary by a government grant that could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which may only encompass a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” This is the appropriate method to accept this federal grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours, *ecm*

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