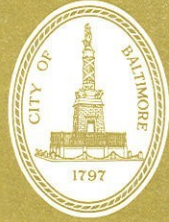


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April 30, 2008

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 08-0078 – Bond Issue – Maryland Zoo in Baltimore  
Loan - \$300,000

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0078 (Bond Issue –Maryland Zoo in Baltimore Loan - \$300,000) for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council to create a debt not exceeding \$300,000 (the “Debt”) for purposes of improving the operations, functions, and activities of the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

The intent of the bill is to ensure that the Debt is created as a general obligation of the City, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland. The bill also contains provisions concerning the use of the funds, the issuance of the bonds, and other matters. After approval by the Mayor and City Council, the ordinance will be presented to the voters for approval on November 4, 2008.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 08-0078 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Deepa Bhattacharyya  
Assistant Solicitor



cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
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