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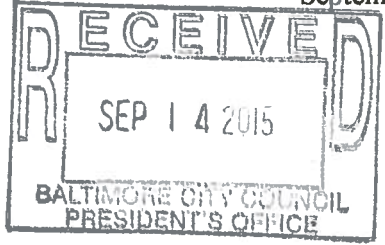
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DATE: September 8, 2015

TO

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



Re: City Council Bill 15-0467 – Departments of Public Works, Transportation, and General Services –
Conforming Code References to Charter Allocations

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Department of General Services has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0467 – Departments of Public Works, Transportation, and General Services – Conforming Code References to Charter Allocations as introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Transportation) and urges a favorable report with amendments.

The purpose of the Bill is to correct agency references rendered obsolete by Charter amendments that have reallocated various powers and duties among these agencies; repeal certain obsolete or obsolescent provisions related to these and other units of City government; correct, clarify and conform the language of related provisions; and generally related to the administration and regulation of public works, surveys, public and private streets, highways, rights-of-way, transit and traffic, and general services.

The Department of General Services was created under Resolution 08-003 and certain functions and duties were transferred from the Department of Public Works to General Services pertaining to property locations, rights-of-way, fleet and public building management and construction. Resolution 14-016 transferred the General Services responsibilities for property locations and rights-of-way to the Department of Transportation as of July 1, 2015. The evolving changes in responsibilities assigned to the Departments of Public Works, General Services and Transportation are noted at the beginning of the appropriate Articles of the Code, but not reflected in the Code provisions. City Council Bill 15-0467 updates the Code by correctly identifying and referencing functions and responsibilities with the appropriate department.

City Council Bill 15-0467 was introduced to clarify and remove obsolete Code provisions. The proposed amendments were prepared as one compilation that includes recommendations from DOT, Public Works and DGS and are attached to this memorandum. These recommended amendments were reviewed by the Law Department and Legislative Reference.

The Department of General Services supports favorable passage of City Council Bill 15-0546 with the proposed amendment.


STEVE SHARKEY
DIRECTOR

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