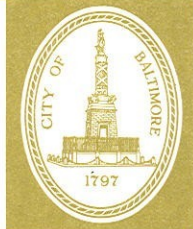


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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Baltimore City Council Bill 08-0064 {Scrap Metal Processors – Second-Hand Property Dealers – Reporting Requirements}

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0064 {Scrap Metal Processors – Second-Hand Property Dealers – Reporting Requirements} for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Consumer Protection Article of the Baltimore City Code to include motor vehicle parts among the items to be reported to the Police Commissioner by scrap metal processors, second-hand property dealers, and others.

City Council Bill 08-0064 is consistent with Article II, Section 17 of the Baltimore City Charter, which grants the Mayor and City Council the authority to “license, tax and regulate all businesses, trades, vocations or professions; to license, regulate, tax or suppress hawkers, peddlers, brokers, pawnbrokers....” In addition, the bill does not conflict with the State Business Regulation Code. *See Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. §§ 12-101, et seq.*

Therefore, the Law Department approves Council Bill 08-0064 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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