



March 2, 2012

Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill No. 12-0033 – Beverage Container Tax –
Repealing “Sunset” – Modifying Amount of Tax

Dear President and City Council Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 11-0033. City Council Bill 33 amends the Section 3 of Ordinance 10-343 which provides for the effective date of the beverage container tax bill and the automatic termination of the tax after three years which would be approximately July 25, 2013. City Council Bill 33 repeals the sunset provision in Section 3 thereby providing for the continuation of the tax until repealed by action of the City Council. In addition, the bill amends Art. 28, Sec. 20-3 to increase the amount of the tax from 3 cents to 5 cents per non-reusable beverage container.

The bill is consistent with the authority of the City Council. Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 12-0033 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

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Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office
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