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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 13-0268 – Zoning – Sign Regulations for Video Lottery  
Facilities

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0268 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would change the definition of a video lottery facility in the City's Zoning Code to include "associated parking facilities on adjacent lots." It would also change the area requirements for certain nameplate and business signs and amend the current exemption for certain parking access signs to include video lottery facilities. There are no legal prohibitions to these changes.

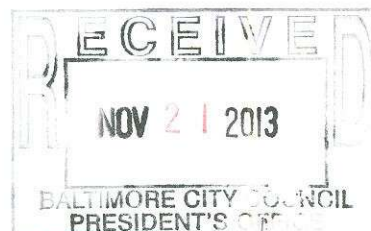
Any amendment to the City's Zoning Code requires advertisement by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least 15 days before the hearing. *See* Md. Code, Land Use, §10-303(c); Zoning Code of Baltimore City, §§16-101(d)(2); 16-402(b)(1); 16-402(c)(2). In addition, any Zoning Legislation, such as this bill, requires a hearing before Second Reading and, if it is substantively amended after the conclusion of that hearing, a subsequent hearing is required. *See* Zoning Code of Baltimore City, §§16-401(a); 16-402(a); 16-403.

Assuming this bill was properly advertised and the Council holds the requisite hearings, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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