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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 14-0349 – Residential Permit Parking Program –
Guilford Area

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

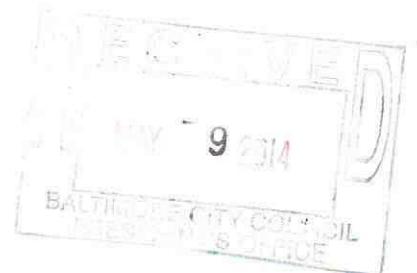
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0349 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill establishes a new, statutory Residential Permit Parking Area for the unit blocks of St. Martin's Road and East Bishops Road, to be known as the "Guilford Area." The bill provides the Gilford Area's hours of operation and parking durations for non-permit holders.

The Law Department notes that under current provisions of the City Code, a parking study and parking management plan are only required when the residents of an area petition the Parking Authority to create a residential parking permit program for the area. See City Code, Art. 31, §§ 10-12 through 10-16. In contrast, City Council Bill 14-0349 simply declares the existence of a residential parking permit program in the Guilford Area. The declaration circumvents City requirements for a parking study and a parking management plan.

As there are no legal obstacles to the passage of Council Bill 14-0349, the Law Department approve it for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

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