

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0284- Sale of Property— Former Bed of a 10-Foot Alley Bounded by
3 North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street

President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0284 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell its interest in the properties known as Former Bed of a 10-Foot Alley Bounded by 3 North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street, subject to a full width Perpetual Easement for all Municipal Utilities and Services, not to be abandoned, over the entire parcel of land and declaring it no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Division Chief

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