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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 19-0383- City Streets – Closing – Bauernschmidt Alley and 2  
10-Foot Alleys Bounded by North Gay Street, East Oliver Street, North  
Washington Street, and Federal Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0383 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill proposes to condemn and close Bauernschmidt Alley and 2 10-foot alleys bounded by North Gay Street, East Oliver Street, North Washington Street, and Federal Street. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

  
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Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor  
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