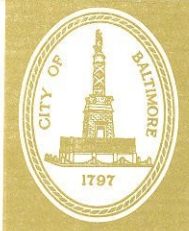


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July 1, 2011

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 11-0671 – Illegal Dumping – Penalties - Enforcement

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0671 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides that any person who dumps or disposes of certain items on public property is responsible for removing the matter and repairing any damage cause by the dumping or disposal. The bill establishes criminal penalties for dumping or disposing of material in excess of 10 or more cubic feet in a 24-hour period and makes such violations also subject to civil citations, punishable by imposition of a certain fine. The bill increases the fines for civil citations for certain other violations involving dumping and the disposal of trash. The bill establishes that the lessee or renter of a vehicle is responsible for waste transported in or disposed of from the vehicle, rather than the vehicle's registered owner. Finally, the bill makes it unlawful for person to dump or dispose of material in a trash receptacle on private property without permission of the property owner.

As the bill appears to present no outstanding legal issue, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor  
Hilary Ruley, Assistant Solicitor  
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