

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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May 9, 2017

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council

Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0052 – City Streets – Closing – East Fairmount  
Avenue and a Portion of Aisquith Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0052 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close East Fairmount Avenue and a portion of Aisquith Street, as shown on Plat 227-A-24A in the Department of Transportation Office. The bill expressly reserves the rights the Mayor and City Council has in the structures located under the street bed, including access rights.

Section (34) 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 meets with the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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