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May 6, 2019

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 19-0362 – City Streets– Opening –Variable Width Alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0362 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and open a variable width alley, declaring it no longer needed for public use.

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.

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Ruley".

Hilary Ruley  
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor  
Jeffrey Amoros, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor  
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