

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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March 15, 2016

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 15-0598 – City Streets – Closing – The Beds of Berlin Street, Ontario Avenue, West Hamburg Street, and 2 10-Foot Alleys

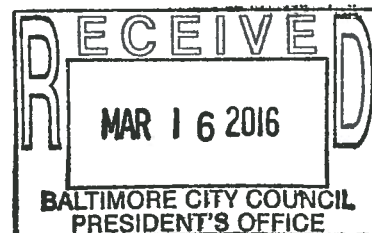
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0598 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close the beds of Berlin Street, Ontario Avenue, West Hamburg Street, and 2 10-foot alleys lying between the Gwynns Falls, Wicomico Street, Little Market Street, and Berlin Street in Mount Winans. 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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