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Honorable President and Members  
of the City Council of Baltimore  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle  
Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill No. 09-0429-  
Required Parking for Bicycles

Dear Mister President and City Council Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 09-0429 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose requiring bicycle parking for new or expanded structures, premises and uses and of certain employers and setting forth various parameters of the bicycle parking to be provided i.e. size, location and amount and generally relating to required parking spaces for bicycles.

The City's general zoning authority allows for off street parking regulation which is already in place for motor vehicle parking. City Council Bill 09-0429 seeks to expand that parking to include parking for bicycles and is consistent with the City's zoning authority. At Sections 10-311 and 14-7 of the bill, the bill requires that the bicycle parking space be provided "in a safe and secure location"; a requirement that is not in place for motor vehicle parking. Baltimore City Code, Zoning Section 10-306 requires only that the motor vehicle space be designed with safe and efficient means of vehicular access; not addressing the safety or security of the location. Also of note is that the Bill does not define "safe and secure".

Notwithstanding the above notations, City Council Bill 09-0429 can be approved for form and legal sufficiency by the Law Department.

Sincerely yours

Minda F. Goldberg  
Chief Solicitor

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