

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 14-0331--Sale of Property--Former Beds of Certain
Alleys Bounded by East 21st Street, Greenmount Avenue, East 20th Street,
and Barclay Street**

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0331 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell property owned by it consisting of former beds of certain alleys bounded by East 21st Street, Greenmount Avenue, East 20th Street and Barclay Street, declaring them no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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