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Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary
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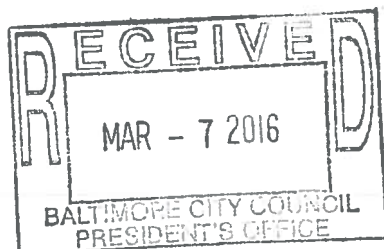
Re: City Council Bill 15-0258R- Moving dirt Bike Use Out of Neighborhoods and Into Dirt
Bike Parks

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0258R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of calling on representatives from the Police Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Finance, the Law Department, the dirt bike riding community, and neighborhoods impacted by dirt bike riding to join with the City Council in a series of work sessions to create a viable plan for addressing the inappropriate operation of dirt bikes in Baltimore's neighborhoods by creating a world class dirt bike park in Baltimore City.

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 15-0258R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's concerns about this particular situation and request that all stakeholders come together to craft a solution to the dirt bike problem in Baltimore City.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 15-258R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council's views on this matter.



Sincerely,

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