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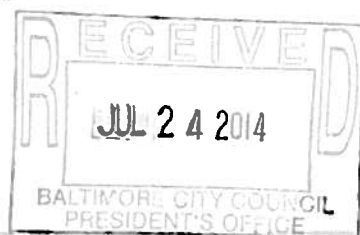
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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 409 – City Hall

I am hereby reporting on City Council Bill 14-0416 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend Ordinance 06-293 to correct an error in the description and stated size of the franchise area; provide for the correction to the resultant franchise charge; and to provide for a special effective date.

In June of 2006 a franchise ordinance was enacted which gave the new owners of 410 South High Street authority for a projection of their building to occupy a portion of the Eastern Avenue right-of-way. The property is located on the corner of South High Street and Eastern Avenue in the Little Italy community. The new owners purchased the property to continue operating a restaurant carry-out business at this location. During the course of purchasing the property it was discovered that the one story addition built in 1986 and which projects into the Eastern Avenue right-of-way was constructed under appropriate permits and right-of-entry, but the final step of obtaining a franchise was never taken. Ordinance 06-292 corrected this oversight. The measurements of the building projection that were provided at the time were inaccurate and need to be corrected. City Council Bill 14-0416 corrects the description of the encroachment and the square footage dimensions, from 530 square feet to the correct 371 square feet. Franchise fees are based on the type and dimension of an encroachment, therefore the franchise fee will be recalculated by the Board of Estimates and the corrected fee amended into the bill. Based on the Schedule of Fees and Charges, the Department will recommend to the Board of Estimates an annual franchise fee of \$3,932.60.



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The Bill contains a technical error in citing the wrong ordinance number of 06-293. The correct number is Ordinance 06-292. This reference needs to be corrected and a technical amendment has been drafted by Legislative Reference and is attached.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0416 as proposed to be amended.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'STEVE SHARKEY', written over a horizontal line.

STEVE SHARKEY
DIRECTOR

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