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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re:

City Council Bill 14-0369 - Health Department - Seasonal Food Facilities

Licenses and Food Facility Late Fees

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0369, which is for the purpose of authorizing a change in the license fees and late fees charged for certain services provided by the Health Department for licensing food service facilities. The bill provides for different licensing fees for seasonal food service facilities and provides for a revised late fee schedule.

Section 6-403 of the Baltimore City Health Code provides that processing and license fees for food service facilities are set by the Commissioner, with the approval of the City Council. Section 6-406 provides for the imposition of late fees when a food facilities operator fails to renew this license within 5 days of its expiration. The amount of the late fee is as set from time to time by the Commissioner, with the approval of the City Council. City Council Bill 14-0369 is introduced for the purpose of City Council approval of the revised food facility license fees and late fees.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves Council Bill 14-0369 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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