



April 20, 2010

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. 09-0396-Street Vendors –
License Renewal-Dormant Licenses

Dear President and City Council Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 09-0396. City Council Bill 396 amends Article 15, Sections 17-15, 17-31 and 17-32 to provide for the expiration of street vendors licenses and a renewal procedure. The bill does not appear to require that renewal applications pay the annual fees required of initial applications. The bill adds to the statutory scheme for the regulation of street vendors which is an appropriate exercise of the power granted to the City under Article II, Section 17 of the Baltimore City Charter to license and regulate hawkers and peddlers and its general police powers granted under Article II, Section 19.

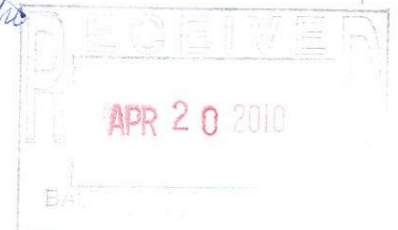
The Law Department is concerned about an inconsistency in the language of Section 17-15. If the license period will commence on July 1 and end on June 30 then the proration section in 17-15(d) should provide that license issued after December 31 will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual license fee.

Accordingly, with the attached amendment, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 09-0396 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor



cc: The Honorable William Cole
Angela Gibson,
George A. Nilson, City Solicitor
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Amendment to City Council Bill 09-0396

1. On page 2, line 21 strike beginning with “June” through “year” and insert “December 31 of any year”.