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April 23, 2009

The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 09-0322 – Leash Law - Environmental and Civil Citations

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 09-0322. City Council Bill 322 amends the current provisions of Article 1, Subtitle 40, Environmental Citations and Subtitle 41, Civil Citations, to specifically provide for penalties for violations of the Baltimore City Health Code Sec. 10-307, the law requiring that all animals be restrained and that all dogs be on leashes.

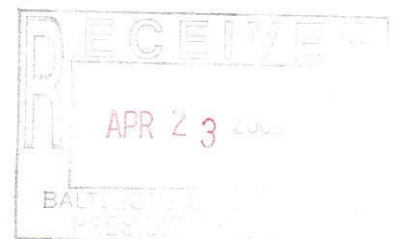
Currently, there are no specific penalties for citations for violations of Sec. 10-307 so fines would fall in the "All other provisions" categories in Article 1, Section 40-14 and Section 41-14 which carry fines of \$1000.00. City Council Bill 09-0322 would add violations of 10-307 to the lists of citationable offenses in Sections 40-14 and 41-14 and provide for a specific penalties of \$250.00.

City Council Bill 09-0322 is within the authority of the City Council. The Law Department, therefore, approves City Council Bill 09-0322 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: Honorable James B. Kraft
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