

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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March 10, 2008

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 08-0021 – Boards, Commissions, etc. –
Meetings on Election Days

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0021. City Council Bill 21 will preclude boards, commissions, councils, authorities, committees and other multi-member units of City governments from holding public meetings on a primary or general election day.

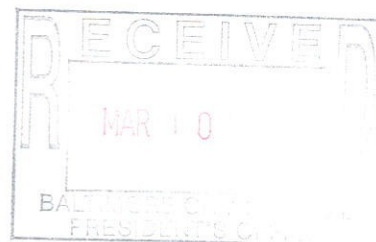
Article III, Section 11 of the Baltimore City Code grants to the Mayor and City Council the “power to pass all ordinances, not inconsistent with the Charter, necessary to give effect and operation to all powers vested in the City.” The authority to regulate the meeting dates of City entities is consistent with this general power. An ordinance would be enforceable to the extent that it does not conflict with the Charter or State law.

The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0021 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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