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September 30, 2011

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

Re: City Council Bill 11-0780 – Natural Resources – Notice Required Before
Removal of Trees on City Streets

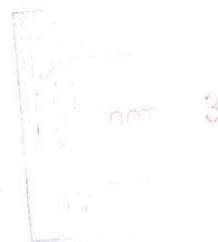
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0780 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would modify Section 53-5 of Article 7 of the City Code to require the City to give notice before it permits anyone to remove or destroy a tree along a City street, lane, alley or public way. Currently, the City is only required to provide notice when the City itself is to remove or destroy any such tree. As this bill is in accordance with the City's general power in Section 34(i) of Article II of the City Charter to regulate the "removal of trees on streets and public ways and places," the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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